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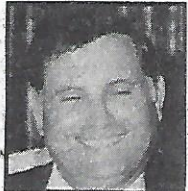
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Will DiFabrizio lead Morwell into NSL?



Don DiFabrizio

Speculation over the possibility that Morwell Falcons president Don DiFabrizio could stand down at the club's forthcoming annual general meeting has fuelled rumors that Morwell, the 1984 Victorian State League champion, may not accept an invitation to participate in the 1985 National League.

If the rumors are true then Polonia, which finished second to Morwell this season, will be offered a place in the 1985 National League at the expense of relegated National Conference outfit Sunshine-George Cross.

By PETER DESIRA

It was in the dressing rooms after Morwell's 0-0 draw with Albion Rovers at Selwyn Park last Saturday that DiFabrizio admitted that he's considering relinquishing the presidency.

"I have been saying I want to take a rest from soccer for a couple of years," the Don said amid the singing of "It's a grand old team to play for" and with handshakes going on all around the rooms.

Added to that is the fact that coach Jimmy Dunne's wife has found it hard to settle in the

Latrobe Valley and that — one presumes — Dunne would not need much persuading if he were offered another job.

Those are the debits facing Morwell Falcons as they face up to a general meeting in which the supporters will be given the final say on whether the club will apply for the move up.

In the cold hard light of day they may sound ominous but the club has overcome bigger problems than that to fight its way right through the ranks from Provisional League to become the first genuine country club to earn the right to play in the country's top competition.

Along the way, they have won a lot of friends and admirers — and unashamedly I include myself among them — and I don't for one minute believe that they will pass up the chance to play NSL.

DiFabrizio has made known his intentions to step down in years gone by but in the end the overwhelming support that he commands at the club and even more importantly the fact that Falcons are very much an important part of his life, have always swayed him to stay on. For the club's sake, I hope that he reconsiders this year too, for it needs him more than ever now. With the Don at the helm to provide a calming influence, all problems can be overcome.

STEVE SMITH VIC'S BEST!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"Sure, I'd love to take a crack at the National League and I'd like to think that Box Hill wouldn't stand in my way."

That's how Box Hill's star striker Steve Smith summed up his future after winning our Schipano award for the 1984 Victorian State League Player of the Year.

Smith, 23, has had a remarkable first season in Australian soccer. He finished with 23 league goals — equal top scorer with Polonia ace Janusz Przybyla — and the battle to decide the leading marksman in State League this year will continue over coming weeks as Smith and Przybyla play in the State League and Dockery Cups.

Smith was born in Birmingham in England and represented the local area as a schoolboy between the age of 12 and 16. He joined Brongrove Rovers in the Southern League as a 16-year-old after being invited to train there by reserves coach Roy Martin.

He played with Rovers until local club Walsall, in the English Third Division, signed him for a \$20,000 transfer fee. After six reserve team appearances, Smith was promoted to the first team and played about 20 games, scoring five goals in the process. But a cartilage operation interrupted his career and when Walsall sacked player-manager Alan Buckley

and hired Neil Martin, Smith's future at the club looked dim.

Smith was fined \$100 for allegedly missing a training session. Smith took his case to the Professional Footballers' Association tribunal and won. But after that, he knew that his days at Walsall were numbered.

Smith started to write letters to overseas clubs and in 1981 he joined Wits University in South Africa. Brunswick Juventus midfielder and former Box Hill star Richard Miranda also played with Wits University.

"The blacks are brilliant players and some of the crowds in South Africa are around the 50,000 mark," said Smith.

He stayed with Wits University for a season, then flew back home at Christmas. He returned to South Africa for a two-month spell early the following year but he wasn't happy with the way the club was looking after him.

"There was an Irish lad, a Scots lad, and me, all living together in a flat and there were only two beds between the three of us."

Smith returned to England, wrote a few more letters, and found himself travelling to Finland to play with Second Division side MIFK. He wasn't too impressed with the standard there.

"The standard was pretty poor to tell you the truth. The club was struggling to avoid relegation and eventually succeeded but some of the things that happened were incredible."

"I was playing centre forward in this game and we were leading 1-0. The

other side equalised with about 10 minutes to go and our lads panicked. Everyone charged forward and I ended up in defence on my own. We lost 6-2!"

While in Finland, Smith received a phone call from Box Hill board member Brian Horrocks, saying that the Hillmen wanted to sign the young striker.

So Smith finally made his way to Australia in January of this year.

He expected the facilities at Box Hill and at other clubs to be better and he also expected bigger crowds. Nevertheless, he didn't have too many troubles adjusting to the Victorian State League.

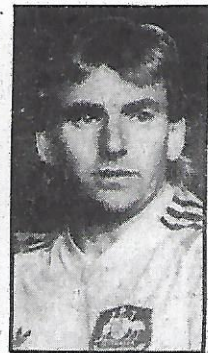
"Skill-wise, I suppose State League is a bit disappointing but a hell of a lot of effort and work goes into games."

"I've improved as a player under Bill Murray (the Box Hill coach). In fact, Bill's probably the best coach I've been under and that includes the time I spent as a professional with Walsall."

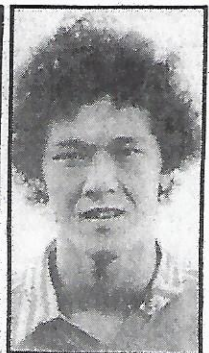
Smith isn't as generous with his praise when he sums up the soccer Press in Victoria.

"The Press here say a lot of things they don't know anything about. For instance, I've read in the papers that this guy who's coming out from England to play with Box Hill next year is a good goal of mine, but I've never even met the bloke!"

Smith is a quality player. He hasn't been "tapped" by any National League clubs yet but that time isn't far away, for the National League is crying out for players of his class.



John Kosmina



Alan Davidson

Kosmina takes out writ

A writ has been issued on behalf of John Kosmina out of the Supreme Court of NSW, against David Syme and Co over an article published in 'The Age' on April 16.

The writ alleges that a report about the South Melbourne Hellas-Sydney City Hakoah match on April 15 was defamatory against Kosmina in that it:

- suggested that Kosmina has assaulted Alan Davidson of Hellas and that
- Kosmina had so conducted himself in assaulting Alan Davidson as to incur the wrath of those who witnessed his conduct.

Kosmina, the national team captain, plays for Sydney City Hakoah.

The writ seeks unspecified damages.

Landslide for Francis

John Francis of Azzurri has won the 1984 South Australian Rothmans Medal.

Francis polled 45 votes and took the medal by a record 18-vote winning margin.

In second place was a former winner, Garrie Dooley, of Polonia, who polled 27.

Another former winner, Adrian Santrac of Beograd, was third with 23 votes.

The full list of votes, plus pictures, will appear in next week's issue.

Final live on TV?

The second leg of the national league final is likely to be telecast live from Sydney to Melbourne on October 28, by Channel 0/28.

The first leg, in Melbourne on October 24 may be shown live in Sydney.

Channel 0/28 will show one hour of highlights from the NSL Player of the Year awards night, on Tuesday, October 30.

The awards night will be at the APIA club in Sydney, the previous day.

Challenge round

Pairings for the final round on Sunday week are:

South Melbourne Hellas v. Melbourne Croatia, Heidelberg v. Juventus, Brisbane Lions v. Makedonia, Footscray JUST v. Green Gully, Adelaide City v. Brisbane City, West Adelaide v. George Cross, Sydney Hakoah v. Sydney Olympic, APIA v. Mar-



Scramble for Davo's post

Tony Curcio, Vic Bozanic and Bobby Russell appear to be the most suitable candidates for the Socceroo right-back position vacated by Alan Davidson who leaves for England to join Nottingham Forest in November.

Davidson was the star of this year's international series against the likes of Manchester United, Juventus and Iraklis, so it will take an exceptional player to fill his boots.

Apart from the three I've mentioned, the other contenders include David Skeen, Paul Carter, Ian McKillo and —

Ian Gray, both midfielders.

National coach Frank Arok said after a recent training session that although Savor plays in midfield for Sydney Croatia, he seems to have what it takes to play at right back for Australia, the same goes for Gray of APIA.

The Socceroo full backs, of course, are expected to act

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



wingers when the team has possession, as Arok uses three centre-backs.

When I was playing as left-side striker for Sydney Olympic early this year, I faced most of the best full backs. Here's a quick run down on them.

ing sweeper. He excelled at right back not only with Croatia but previously with Juventus as well. He's extremely fast. He's sharp, he can deliver a good pass and his ball skill enables him to link up in middle-field play.

PETER LEWIS (Melbourne Croatia) ...

and Altona City. Lewis played for Australia B in the international series, and was rated highly by Socceroo assistant coach Eddie Thomson. He's tall and strong, very tough, good in the air and he gets himself forward.

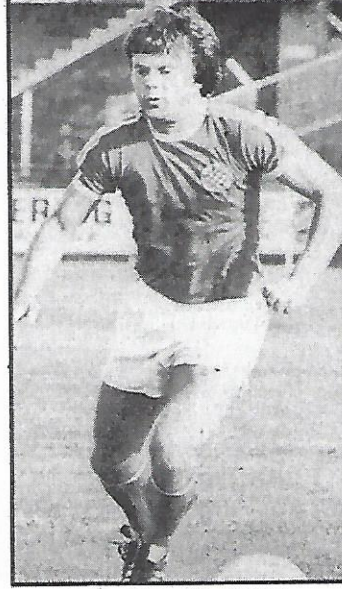
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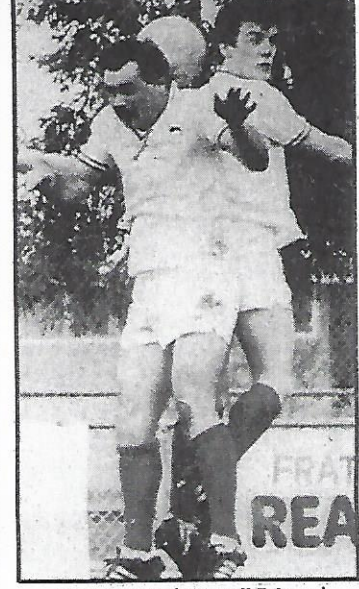
Bill Lazopoulos (West, Subs.)



Ian Tuffield (Fawkner)



Branko Culina (St. Albans)



Steve Moore (Morwell Falcons)

MOORE OR LAZOPOULOS?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Morwell Falcons midfielder Steve Moore is one of the favorites but watch out for flying Western Suburbs winger Bill Lazopoulos when the 1984 Victorian Rothmans Medal winner is announced at the annual dinner at the Southern Cross in Melbourne on Friday, October 5.

Moore, who joined Falcons this year from Northcote, has had an outstanding season and, just like he did at Northcote, has won his club's leading scorer award from midfield.

But with Falcons winning the 1984 State League championship, Moore is likely to suffer from team mates — especially fellow midfielder Jim MacLean — taking votes away from him. Should Moore win, it will be an outstanding effort and he should be making a long, overdue appearance in the National League next season.

Moore certainly is a quality performer. It's not just his ability to get into scoring situation as a midfielder which impresses me. It's also his superb disposal — one of the hallmarks of his play.

A win to Lazopoulos would mark an amazing first season in State League. Signed from Metro League Hawthorn this season along with Alex Filippis, Lazopoulos's pace stands out. Not to mention his fine close control. I can't remember another player in the past five seasons, who has come into State League from the lower leagues making as big an impression as has Lazopoulos. In fact, Suburbs will be hard pressed to cling to his talents next year for Footscray J.U.S.T. and Heidelberg Alexander already have shown interest in signing him.

Fawkner's best Rothmans bet seems to be tall striker Ian Tuffield, whose aerial supremacy is unrivalled in State League. Like Moore, Tuffield's main prob-

lem is the amount of votes others in his teams have taken away from him.

St. Albans Dinamo star Branko Culina traditionally polls well in the Rothmans. That should be no different this year.

I expect Greg House of Knox City and Micky D'Sylva of Albion to poll well too. There are no stars at unglamorous Knox but House is one of the best prospects in State League and he stands out at Knox. Let's hope referees see it the same way for if House continues to develop, he'll be a welcome addition to National League ranks.

And believe it or not, polling well in the Rothmans, especially if you're in your first season in State League, rarely goes unnoticed by the National League clubs. If you don't believe me, just ask South Melbourne Hellas star Charlie Egan.

Albion Rovers have high hopes for D'Sylva at this year's Rothmans. Other Albion stalwarts this season, Stuart Gilmour and Gerry Reilly, have been sent off so are ineligible for the award but in a side that, like

Knox, doesn't attract much media attention, D'Sylva stands out.

Polonia's best bet looks to be classy striker Janusz Przybyla. Even though he missed many games through injury, his great scoring record this season will earn him plenty of votes.

Northcote's George Bozakis probably has polled more Rothmans Medal votes than any other invited player this year. He finished equal third, on 21 votes, with Ernie Merrick (then of Doveton) and Gus MacLeod (then of Green Gully) in 1981. Egan won the Rothmans that year with 25 votes, two ahead of Rob Nelson (then of Sunshine).

The following year Bozakis finished 7th. His 19 votes were 11 behind the winner, Vince Bannon of Juventus.

Bozakis finished third last year with 29 votes. Stefan Mila was the winner with 35 votes, followed by Tommy Cumming with 33 votes.

Dave Brooks of Box Hill, Steve Beech of Frankston Pines, and Mike Rainey of Croydon also should poll fairly well.



Morwell midfielder Jim MacLean

Previous winners

Rothmans Medal winners:

- 1971 — John Gardiner (George Cross)
- 1972 — John Gardiner (George Cross)
- 1973 — Vince Bannon (Heid. Alexander)
- 1974 — Pat Bannon (Heid. Alexander)
- 1975 — David Baker (Hakoah)
- 1976 — Jim Tansey (Slavia)
- 1977 — David Baker (Hakoah)
- 1978 — Tommy Cumming (Croatia)
- 1979 — Bobby McGuinness (Juventus)
- 1980 — Bobby McGuinness (Juventus)
- 1981 — Charlie Egan (Frankston City)
- 1982 — Vince Bannon (Juventus)
- 1983 — Stefan Mila (Polonia)

ALL THE CANDIDATES

Here is the list of players, three from each State League club, invited to attend this year's Victorian Rothmans Medal count. The 1984 Rothmans Medal winner is among them. See if you can pick him:

DOVETON: Bill Buchanan, John McDonald, Jim Nelson.

FAWKNER: Bruno Cazzella, Ian Tuffield, Joe Palinkas.

KNOX CITY: Greg House, Jeff Gerrish, Terry Masters.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Ned Batonic, Branko Culina, Dennis Morovic.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Bill Lazopoulos, Frank Muscat, Keiron Coyle.

POLONIA: Janusz Przybyla, Rick Lipinski, Noel Milton.

ALBION ROVERS: Mick D'Sylva, Billy Bouzas, Tommy Robertson.

BROADMEADOWS: Grant Smart, Lino Groch, Paul Campbell.

FRANKSTON PINES: Steve Beech, Peter Thurlow, Gordon Livingstone.

NORTHCOLE: Colin Quigley, George Bozakis, Peter Constantinou.

CROYDON: Mike Rainey, Graham French, Lou Kastner.

BOX HILL: Dave Brooks, Brian Keenan, Andy Hughes.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Ron Verniers, Greg Warsawski, Barry Burton.

MORWELL FALCONS: Jim MacLean, Billy Whitledge, Steve Moore.

MILA LEADS THE 'BAD BOYS'

Perhaps the most controversial send-off this season in the Victorian State League took place at Raleigh Reserve a couple of months ago when 1983 Rothmans Medal winner Stefan Mila was sent off, ending his chances of winning successive Rothmans Medals.

It long has been a contentious issue as to whether or not players sent off should immediately become ineligible to win the Rothmans Medal.

But remember, the award is for the best and fairest player in the league and is based upon 3-2-1 votes given by referees after each league game.

The refs then, hold the Rothmans fate of every State League player in the palms of their hands. They cast votes which eventually will decide the winner. They also send off players, immediately ending their Rothmans' chances.

Mila's send-off, while playing for Polonia against Fawkner, was a first for him.

Mila played First Division soccer in Poland before joining Polonia and in his long career had never been sent off. Until that game against Fawkner.

Nevertheless, is that enough reason to break with tradition and end the practice of barring players sent off from winning Victorian soccer's most prestigious award? I doubt it.

However, it's interesting to have a look at the quality of a team selected from players sent off in this year's State League. Over 40 players have been sent off this season, and we've come up with an all-star side made up of red-card lads. Here it is:

Stuart MCTURK (Knox)

Harry BINGHAM (M. Falc)

Stefan MILA (Polonia)

Danny MCCLUSKEY (Polonia)

Gary HOBSON (Fawkner)

Dave GIBSON (Polonia)

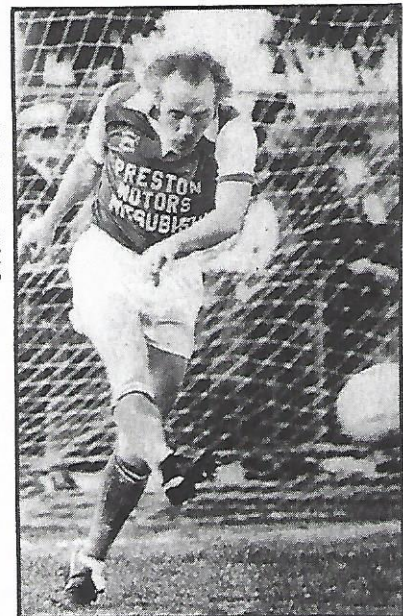
Stuart BLAIR (Broad)

Peter BOYLE (Fawkner)

Paul PRIESTLEY (Box Hill)

Steve SMITH (Box Hill)

Ian LOUGHNANE (Croydon)



Stefan Mila (Fawkner)



ROCK ON!



Jimmy Barnes



Richard Clapton

DATE: September 30. VENUE: Brandon Park, Wollongong. TIME: Midday to 6.30 pm. LINE-UP: • Dragon/Jimmy Barnes; • Richard Clapton; • Hoodoo Gurus; • Machinations • George Smilovici and more...

Wollongong soccer club in association with WIN-4 TV and Radio Two Double O, will present the biggest line-up of rock bands yet assembled in the Illawarra region.

And it's a lead for other clubs to follow. Let rock flow with football — entertainment with entertainment. Bend to the market!

Promoter Michael Chugg, of the Harbour Agency — Australia's foremost rock concert promoter, said he was delighted to bring such an impressive line-up to Wollongong. "This is unquestionably the biggest and most talented line-up of bands yet to play on the South Coast," he said.

"In fact, it's one of the best line-ups I've been able to bring together for a rock concert in any city."

Wollongong chairman Laurie Kelly said: "We are committed to bringing fans top soccer. Now we have an opportunity to bring rock music fans the biggest and best groups in the rock music field," he said.

The gates will open at 10 am on September 30 and special trains will bring fans from the Sydney metropolitan area and Nowra.

Tickets at the gate will cost \$16 but early purchasers of tickets will receive a concession

of \$4. They are on sale now for \$12 at the following outlets:

All IMB (Illawarra Mutual Building Society) offices on the coast and tablelands.

Big Rooster outlets — Wollongong, Dapto, Corrimal and Kiama.

Fireball Record Bar, Nowra

Mike Davis Surf Shop, Kiama.

Radio 200, Wollongong.

The Fraternity Bowling and Recreation Club, Fair Meadow.

Wolves' Office, Fairy Meadow.

The "Rock with the Wolves" concert is a self help measure by the soccer club to raise funds.

When the club entered the National League in 1981 the economic situation in Australia was at a critical point and the ensuing downturn hit Wollongong and the club hard.

Wollongong seldom has been able to get the projected number of fans through the turn-styles and that has been disastrous for a newly-formed club.

Nevertheless, the club's executive has made a determined effort to curb the financial drain.

"We were determined not to finish up like some other NSL clubs that are up to \$400,000 in the red," Kelly said, "so we decided this season to sell players, buy no new ones and develop our local youth."

"Our gates have suffered further this year but we believe we did the right thing and the news last week that two of our players, Alex Bundalo and Ray Vilestra have been chosen as a team to defend the Merlion Cup in Singapore in October has, we believe, vindicated our actions."



"These boys are just two of the talented youngsters in our two squad. David Green is another and, in fact, I find it hard to understand why he has so far been overlooked by selectors. I predict big things for him next year as he is a totally dedicated young player and we have just signed him up till the end of 1985."

"We are hoping for a big success from this rock concert. We already have improved our financial position by some \$30,000 and this further injection of funds will enable us to substantially reduce our overdraft and buy a few experienced players next year to bolster our young side while its talents develop further."

"We have two or three youngsters in our youth squad like Pat Brinknik and Tony Corradini who has just made his NSL debut and they will be putting pressure on the senior players for a permanent place in the top side next year."

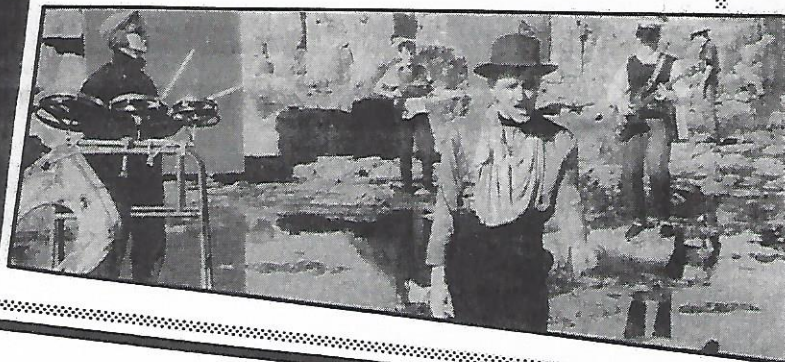
"We are confident that the Wollongong Wolves will be a force to be reckoned with next year and no-one should make the mistake of thinking this year's lull in our progress is anything but temporary," Kelly concluded.

This year the "Rock with the Wolves" concert is being staged as part of Wollongong's 150th birthday celebrations but it is expected to be an annual event.

• Two of the super groups to appear at Brandon Park, Wollongong, on September 30, above: the Hoodoo Gurus and below, the Machinations, from left: Henri Downes, Tim Doyle, Fred Loneragan, Nick Swan and Tony Starr.



Dragon, from left: Robert Taylor, Alan Mansfield, Marc Hunter, Terry Chambers, Todd Hunter, Paul Hewson (front).



Lane in demand — but he'll stay

By Laurie Schwab

Makedonia's powerhouse striker Sean Lane is being sought by Swansea City and at least one other English club.

Lane confirmed the approaches this week, adding that the other club plays in the English First Division.

He will, however, see out his contract with Makedonia until at least November, 1986.

Lane joined Makedonia recently from Derby County, having previously played for Hereford United.

His experience of top soccer in England was soured by run-ins with Derby manager Peter Taylor. "We had a perfect understanding. He didn't understand me and I didn't understand him," Lane says.

"I didn't like the way players are treated in England. If you're not in the first team, they treat you like dirt. If I went back, it could all happen again, and I'd be on my bike again after a few months."

"No, I've made my decision and I'll stick with it, I've been fixed up with a job at Adidas, and I'm quite happy."

"The standard is much better than I thought it would be and there are a lot of very talented players in the NSL — although there are also many who aren't very good."

Dunn is particularly impressed by Makedonia's central defenders Robbie Dunn and Ian Dobson — his former team-



• Sean Lane (second from right, front row) and Preston Makedonia, from left, standing: Dobson, Odzakovic, Flavell, McMillan, Dunn, Cole, Opatinis, Wilson, McAleer (Coach). Front: Ilkoski, Lucchesi, Heys, Lane, Petrovski.

mate at Hereford — as well as Alan Hunter of Brisbane Lions and Bobby Russell of SM-Hellas.

But it mystifies him that referees appear to have taken a set against him.

"I was taken off against Juventus because I'd been shown the yellow card again, which pushed me up to 11 penalty points," Lane said. "In England, I was booked only twice in four or five years, yet after a few games here, I was booked three times."

Still 'Pool for Craig

Million dollar player Craig Johnston has confirmed that his intention is to continue his career with English champion Liverpool.

His comment followed London reports that Chelsea chairman Ken Bates made a secret trip to Australia to try to lure Johnston away from Liverpool.

Johnston and his wife Jenny expect their first baby early next month and are determined the child will be born in Australia.

Bates was reported to have offered Johnston a lucrative contract to leave Liverpool but Johnston, 23, said any comment on the offer would have to come from Chelsea.

"As far as I'm concerned there is no dispute with Liverpool and I had a very good talk with manager Joe Fagan," he said.

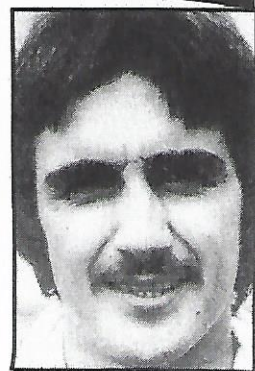
"The club is sympathetic about my problems and I think they even appreciate the stand I've taken."

"During the conversation, I discussed going back for the present season and told them of my current strict training schedule. "My plans are still to return to London as soon as my wife Jenny has had the baby and I will work out the details with the club when I arrive."

Johnston, who has refused to sign a new contract with Liverpool until after the birth, said he also had rejected an approach from Aston Villa.

"Liverpool appears to be over the worry of the initial shock of my stand and everything seems to be fine," he said.

Personality profile: DENNIS DUARTE (Melita Eagles)



Full name: Dennis Duarte
Birthplace and birthdate: Madeira, Portugal; 14th November, 1966
What year migrated: 1973.
Height and weight: 1.77 metres; 77kg.

Married: Yes, to Anna. We have two children: Shane aged 6 and Denise aged 4.
Job or trade: Painter and docker, at Cockatoo Island.

Home: Erskineville.
Previous Clubs: St. George. Budapest.

Nickname: None
Favourite current player overseas: Ian Rush and Fernando Gomes of F.C. Porto.

Favourite current player locally: Craig Mason of Marconi.

Favourite all time great: Pele.
A rising star: John Gregson.

Boyhood hero: Eusebio.
Team you supported when young: Benfica.

Favourite other team: Benfica.

Favourite other sports: Tennis and basketball.
Other sports person you most admire: Carlos Lopes (the marathon man).

Most memorable match: Playing

for St George in the PSL match against West Adelaide, in 1981. Raul Blanco (then coaching St George) brought me in for the last 18d minutes with the score tied at 0-0. I managed to score a hat-trick and we ended winning the game 3-0.

Biggest disappointment: Without a doubt it's got to be last year's Grand Final replay loss to Sydney Croatia on penalties.

International honours: None.
Club honours: 1982 Ampol Cup win with St George and State League Championship last year with Melita.

Hobbies: Playing soccer with my son.

Favourite showbusiness people and shows: Mike Willesse and Dallas.

Favourite music and performers: Popular music; Beatles and Smokey.

Biggest influence on career: My uncle — who used to spend a lot of his time taking me to training and games.

Superstitions: None.
Ambitions for 1984: To finish in the top five.

Long term ambitions: To keep on enjoying the game as long as I can.



Youth leagues

Victorian Youth League: Frankston Pines 2 Heidelberg UTD 4, B.U. Juventus 4 Sun. Geo Cross 0, Footscray 1 Nuna City 0, Green Gully 1 Melbourne 1, 5th Melbourne 9 Knox City 0, Morwell Falcons 0 Preston 2.

STANDINGS

Sunshine-George Cross	15	2	3	58	15	34
Footscray	13	1	6	55	23	32
Heidelberg	13	1	6	53	20	27
Melb. Croatia	11	5	4	33	16	27
B.U. Juventus	12	2	7	38	31	28
Preston	8	6	6	33	21	24
Green Gully	8	6	6	35	21	24
Sun-Geo Cross	8	6	6	33	17	24
Nuna City	7	5	11	31	48	17
Morwell	4	4	13	27	38	12
Frank Pines	4	4	14	32	51	11
Knox City	0	2	20	15	105	2

This Sunday's games:
Sunshine-George Cross v Green Gully, Melbourne Croatia v Brunswick Juventus (kick off 11.30am), Preston Macedonia v Footscray J.U.S.T., South Melbourne Hellas v Heidelberg Alexander.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE: Leichhardt 2 Penrith 0, Canberra 2 AIS 2, Sydney City 2 St George 2, AIS 8 Marconi 0, Newcastle 1 Croatia 0, Melita Eagles 3 Olympic 0, Blacktown 2 Wollongong 1.

POINTS: AIS 36, St George 29, Melita Eagles 28, Newcastle 28, Leichhardt 27, Canberra 27, Sydney City 22, Marconi 20, Olympic 19, Blacktown 16, Penrith 16, Croatia 15, Wollongong 14.

VSF Travel top scorers

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1984 National Conference Top Scorer award.

The winner receives a trip to Europe, flying Thai International.

Leaders:
17 — Brown (SMH)1
11 — Lewis (Green Gully), Winn (Heid)

9 — Cairney (Lions, Ward (B. Juve), Patterson (Heid), Konstantopoulos (West Ad)

J.U.S.T. or Makedonia?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The return of Kyri Kyriakoulas and Suleiman Curovic will give Footscray J.U.S.T. new hope of qualifying for the NSL finals when it takes on another hopeful, Makedonia at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

And St. George Budapest — believe it or not — now can qualify for the finals after looking a certainty for relegation before it achieved the remarkable feat of beating Sydney Hakoah last Sunday.

Saints have another tough task against Sydney Olympic on Sunday — and will miss Dez Marton who's suspended — but having beaten Hakoah, anything now is possible for Frank Arok's men.

Canberra, after five straight victories, also is chasing a dream which would have been sheer insanity a month ago. The return of George Christopoulos — whom coach Doug Collins describes as the "Franz Beckenbauer of Australian sweepers" — has lifted Canberra into sixth place, only a point outside the top five.

With Steve Bryant in brilliant form, Canberra can beat Newcastle-Rosebud in spite of the good form of Newcastle defender Neil Owens, but to move into the top five, it has to rely on Penrith beating Blacktown — which is unlikely since Phil O'Connor is scoring regularly again.

Brisbane Lions meet local rival Brisbane City at Richlands and must win to hold off challenges from Makedonia and J.U.S.T. Lions did well to hold SM-Hellas to a scoreless draw and in fact, Jim McDonagh hit the bar in a move that could have won the game for Queenslanders. In the light of Brisbane City's poor form this season, Lions should remain in the top five for at least another week. Then it will be a battle between Lions and Makedonia in the final round.

Makedonia has the option of bringing Zarko Otdakov back into the opening line-up, and may do so to take advantage of his goalscoring ability against J.U.S.T.

As for relegation, Penrith and Melita Eagles are in grave trouble. Melita, which looked a certainty for the finals for most of the year, faces the daunting task of having to get at least a point from Sydney Hakoah on Sunday — but if St. George could do it, perhaps Melita can do it as well. It's amazing how much extra players can produce when it's absolutely necessary. It would be a shame, after all, if Melita is relegated now that it is about to build a grandstand at Melita Stadium.

Sydney Croatia may recall Ken Boden, who has been out injured for much of the year, in the hope of a victory against Marconi which would leave Croatia in the running for the finals.

South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg-Alexander figure in Team of the week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week

TAYLOR (1) (S. Geo Cross)	M. O'SHEA (1) (St. George)	DUNN (4) (Makedonia)
CULLEN (2) (B.U. Juventus)	BRADLEY (2) (APIA)	MELTA (6) (AC-Juventus)
BRYANT (4) (Canberra)	BISKIC (4) (Melb Croatia)	CUMMING (3) (Melb Croatia)
GOJEVIC (2) (Melb Croatia)		

NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

FRIDAY	
APIA-LEICHHARDT v Wollongong at St. George Stadium, 8 pm.	
SATURDAY	
BLACKTOWN CITY v Penrith at Gabbie Stadium, 3 pm.	
SUNDAY	
Sydney City Hakoah v Melita Eagles (draw) at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.	
SYDNEY CROATIA v Marconi at King Tomislav Park, 3 pm.	
Sydney Olympic v St. George Budapest (draw) at St. George Stadium, 3 pm.	
BRISBANE LIONS v Brisbane City at Richlands, 3 pm.	
Sun-Hire-George Cross v GREEN GULLY at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.	
Melbourne Croatia v B.U. JUVENTUS at Olympic Park, 3 pm. (Guests raise: Women's Cup Final, Greenborough v North Queensland at 1 pm).	
PRESTON-MAKEDONIA v Footscray J.U.S.T. at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.	
South Melbourne Hellas v Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Middle Park, 3 pm.	
West Adelaide Hellas v ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.	
MONDAY	
Newcastle-Rosebud v CANBERRA ARROWS at Adamstown Oval 2.30 pm.	

The most glamorous clash of the round, but nothing is at stake for either club, as both have already qualified for the finals.

Victory would mean slightly more to Heidelberg, as second placing would give it the double chance in the finals.

The match also is of great importance to Hellas striker Doug Brown who still hopes to overtake John Kosmina to win the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award. Brown, with 17 goals, trails Kosmina by three.

Bradley goes further ahead

John Bradley of APIA increased his lead in the voting for the \$1500 Boral Bricks player of the year award, with a best-on-ground performance against Penrith last Friday.

Bradley now leads Paul Wade of Green Gully by five votes with two games to go.

Sergio Melita of Adelaide City Juventus made a strong surge into fourth place, behind Penrith's Dave McIntosh, but neither of those two can win the award.

John Kosmina (SC-Hakoah) still leads Doug Brown (SM-Hellas) by three goals in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award. Neither player scored at the weekend.

Top vote-getters:
81 Bradley (APIA)
76 Wade (GG)
68 McIntosh (P)
66 Melita (AC)
60 Biskic (M. Cr)
59 McDowell (JUST)
54 Dunn (Mak)
53 Frankan (C)
52 Cullen (Juve), K. Wilson (ME)
51 Wishart (BC), Yankos (H)
49 Patikas (SO)
49 Jackson (BL), McMillan (Mak), Kosmina (SC)
47 Egan (SM), Gray (APIA)

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AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	16	7	3	60	20	39
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	15	7	4	58	25	37
APIA-LEICHHARDT	12	7	7	41	30	31
MARCONI	10	8	8	52	37	28
BLACKTOWN CITY	10	6	10	38	47	25
Canberra Arrows	12	1	13	46	36	25
St. George Budapest	8	9	9	37	37	25
Sydney Croatia	7	11	8	29	36	25
Melita Eagles	8	10	23	30	24	
Penrith	7	10	9	26	37	24
Newcastle-Rosebud	10	4	12	32	49	24
Wollongong	4	4	18	19	57	12

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	16	4	6	43	20	36
MELBOURNE CROATIA	13	7	6	38	27	33
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	13	7	6	36	25	33
B.U. JUVENTUS	12	4	10	35	41	28
BRISBANE LIONS	11	5	10	36	35	27
Preston-Makedonia	10	5	11	41	33	25
Footscray J.U.S.T.	10	5	11	28	29	25
Green Gully	8	6	12	31	34	22
Adelaide City Juventus	8	5	13	28	33	21
Brisbane City	8	5	13	19	35	21
West Adelaide Hellas	7	5	14	38	49	19
Sunshine-George Cross	4	6	18	22	55	14

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46 Williams (GG) 45 McPherson (ME), Hoare (Black), P. Treddin- nick (APIA) 41 Dowie (Juve), Barton (SG), Bertogna (APIA) 43 Katholos (SO) 41 Bryant (Can) 40 Oliver (HF), Vidaic (S) Cr. Gibson (P) Top scorers: 20 Kosmina (SC) 17 Brown (SM) 13 Lowe (M), Katholos (SO) 12 R. Brown (M) 11 Lewis (GG), Winn (H), Marlon (SG), Arnold (S Cr) 10 McCulloch (M), Brad- ley (APIA)	9 Cairney (BL), Janko- vics (M), Ward (Juve), Pat- ikas, Koussas (SO), Patter- son (H), Konstantopoulos (WA) 8 Egan (SM), Dunn (Mel), Jackson (P), Lujic (JUST), Latif (GC), Sweeney (Juve), Theo- dorakopoulos (SO), Farina (Can), Kotamanidis (W), Brandt (NR) 7 Daunt (BL), Panagis, Malavazos (WA), Brogan, Grivic (M Cr), Soper, Koe- panizis (SO), Perpetuo- Bryant, Reis (Can), Larkin (B), Lee, Fletcher (SC), Todd (NR), Caban (APIA)
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AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 4 (Dowie 1st, Sweeney 8th, Cullen 4th, Ward 7th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (Faulkner 42nd, Latif 47th pen) at Olympic Park No. 2. Attendance: 2000 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Martin 5 — Gieremia 7, Drinocky 7, Rogers 8, Campbell 8, Lloyd 8, Dowie 7, Miranda 8, Cullen 10 — Sweeney 8, Ward 8, Coach: John Margaritis.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Tomkinson 7 — Taylor 9, Scerri 6, O'Reilly 8, Bain 6 (sent off 67th) — MacLaren 8, Bennett 7, Faulkner 7, Jovanovic 7 — Pit 7, Latif 6, Coach: Billy Wilkinson.

Best six for Boral Bricks Best Player Award: 6 Cullen (BJ), 5 Taylor (SGC), 4 Campbell (BJ), 3 Lloyd (BJ), 2 Miranda (BJ), 1 Rogers (BJ).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 at Schindler Reserve. Crowd 1000. Ratings by Ken Kontra.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 — Hazabent 7, Karic 8, Tutill 8, Tansley 7 — Carroll 6, O'Donnell 6, Belic 6, Paton 6, (Fernandez 63rd), Caban 6, Lujic 7, Coach: Cedo Ciricovic.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 7 — Shillabeer 7, Flounders 7, Nyskohus 8, Tobin 7 — Cecere 7, Villani 8, Melia 9 — Mullen 7, Gatenby 7, Rankin 6, coach: Edmund Krefl.

Best six for Boral Bricks Best Player Award: 6 Melita (AC), 5 Karic (FJ), 4 Villani (AC), 3 Tutill (FJ), 2 Nyskohus (AC), 1 Lujic (FJ).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Mengotti 79th, Bromfield 85th) MARCONI 2 (Brown 61st and 73rd) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 764. Ratings by Ricky Rosso.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7 — Fabrizio 7, Milovanovic 7, Liddell 8, Bromfield 8 — Swan 8, Hinton 7, Jackson 7, Chapman 6 (Kovtch 78th), Scriggins 6, Coach: Frank Pimblett.

MARCONI: James 7, Carter 7, Spanos 7, Calderan 8, Diene (Licata 32nd) — Carbone 6, McCulloch 8, Mason 7 — Lowe 6, Brown 8, Sharen 6, Coach: Les Scheinfulf.

Best six for Boral Bricks Best Player Award: 6 Brown (M), 5 Bromfield (BC), 4 McCulloch (M), 3 Swan (BC), 2 Liddell (BC), 1 Calderan (M).

GREEN GULLY 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Biskic

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

26th at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd about 2500. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 — Smart 7, McLelland 7, Cannell 7, Hogben 8 — McGuinness 7, Smallman 6 (inj. sub. Mancinelli 60th), Wade 8, Williams 7 — Lewis 6, Carter 7, Coach: Bobby McGuinness.

CROATIA: Banovic 9 — Lewell 8, Parson 7, Hannah 7 — Biskic 9 (inj. sub. Adams 80th), Campbell 6, Antolovic 8, Gojevic 9 — Cumming 9, Markovac 7 (Deankovic 72nd), Coach: Tony Vrzina.

Best six for Boral Bricks Best Player Award: 6 Cumming (CG), 5 Gojevic (Cr), 4 Biskic (Cr), 3 Banovic (Cr), 2 Wade (GG), 1 Antolovic (Cr).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Dunn 20th), WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 1100. Ratings by Frank Pangallo.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 — McMillan 8, Dunn 9, Dobson 8, Opasinas 8 — Flavell 7, Campbell 7, Illowski 7, Heys 7 (Otdakov 73), Lucchesi 6 (Cole 79), Lane 8, Coach: F. McAlear.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul 7 — McGregor 6, Honeymann 8, Baker 7, Mousoulis 6 — McGachey 5, Stamatiopoulos 7 (Totsikas 75), Panagis 5, (Calandaris 79), Papadopoulos 4 — Malavazos 4, Kritikos 7, Coach: Sam Salpasidis.

Best six for Boral Bricks Best Player Award: 6 Dunn (M), 5 Dobson (M), 4 McMillan (M), 3 Opasinas (M), 2 Honeymann (WA), 1 Lane (M).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: about 2500. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 7, Yeendorn 6, Blair 8, Postecoglou 7 — Davidson 8, Kanousoulis 7, Crino 7, Murphy 7 — Brown 6, Egan 6, coach: Len McKendry.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow 7 — Jackson 7, Hunter 8, Vasquez 7, Niven 7 — Stewart 7, J. Stewart 7, Juma 7 — Daunt 7, McDonagh 8, Anderson 7, Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

Best six for Boral Bricks Best Player Award: 6 Hunter (Lions), 5 McDonagh (Lions), 4 Blair (Hellas), 3 Davison (Hellas), 2 Jackson (Lions), 1 Niven (Lions).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

WOLLONGONG 1 (Kotamanidis 77th) BLACKTOWN 2 (Sandy 25th, O'Connor 38th) at Wollongong Show-ground. Crowd 600. Ratings by Philip McCall.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 6, Condran 6 (Nees 52nd), Dummett 7, Vlestra 7, Fleming 6 — Kerr 6 (Baker 76th), Willis 6, Green 6 — Bundalo 6, Beggs 6, Kotamanidis 6, Coach: Adrian Alston.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 8 — Wheatley 6 (Larkin 46th 7), Dunlevy 7, Pointer 7, Skellern 7 — Selvaie 7, Byrne 7, Quarmby 6 — MacLaughlin 6, Sandy 6, O'Connor 8, Coach: Casey De Bruin.

Best six for Boral Bricks Best Player Award: 6 Bryant (CL), 5 Gibson (CL), 4 Oliver (H), 3 Reis (CL), 2 Tassios (H), 1 Yankos (H).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Theodorakopoulos 21st and 92nd, Raskopoulos 76th), MELITA EAGLES 0 at St. George Stadium. Crowd: 3426. Ratings by Peter Scott.

OLYMPIC: Meier 7 — Rogers 7, Goody 7, Dakos 8, Jennings 7 — Patikas 8, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 8 — Patalis 7 (Phillips 65th), Theodorakopoulos 8, Kalantzis 8, Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 8 — McAusland 7, Wilson 7, McGinn 7, Treddnick 6 — McDonald (Andriopoulos 36th 5), Allan 7, Farrugia 6, Laing 6, Jamieson 6, Demanuelo 6 (McGill 70th), Coach: Raul Blanco.

Best six for Boral Bricks Best Player Award: 6 Patikas (SO), 5 Katholos (SO), 4 McPherson (M), 3 Theodorakopoulos (SO), 2 Raskopoulos (SO), 1 Dakos (M).

Socceroos to meet Tasmania

By
WALTER PLESS

Tasmanian coach David Crosson, has announced a 15-man State squad to play the Australian national team at Grove Road in Glenorchy on Wednesday, October 10.

The squad is: Goalkeepers — Steve Craven (Juventus), Rob Smith (Ulverstone); Defenders — Michael Driessen (University), Liam Monagle (Georgetown), Nick Di Martino (Juventus), Chris Hey (Olympia), Larry Nunn (Croatia); Midfielders — Terry Banagan (Calies), Brian Davidson (Georgetown), John Charlton (Juventus), Steve Kannekleser (Rapid), Ian Parker (Calies); Strikers — Peter Sawdon (Georgetown), Peter Sherman (Olympia) and Richard Leszczynski (University).

Juventus-Pioneer won the Rothmans League Division I cup final by beating White Eagles 2-0, despite having Burrows and Lapolla sent off in the second half.

Genovesi gave Juventus a half-time lead with a penalty and Parodi chipped a second ten minutes after the interval.

Juventus-Pioneer qualified for the Cadbury top four final when it beat Rapid 2-1 in the semi-final last Wednesday.

John Charlton and Bruce Ward were in charge in the absence of coach Ken Morton and they did the job against a Rapid side that rarely got going on the night.

John Broadhouse opened the scoring for Juventus in the 15th minute following an amazing run down the right and De Felice scored the second in the 63rd minute from Fabrizio's cross.

Replaced coach, David Crosson, showed his players how to score when he hit home a superb free kick right on the final whistle.

In the other semi-final, Olympia-WPL finally hit some sort of form by defeating University 2-1 with goals by Munro and Nichols.

Rybak replied for University when he got a touch to Frarraccio's curling free kick only seconds before the interval.

Olympia-WPL will meet Rapid on Wednesday (tonight) in the preliminary (final) and the winner of this match will play Juventus in the final on 3 October.

Rapid and Ulverstone will contest the final of the John Kallis Memorial Trophy 1984 competition following their semi-final wins on Saturday.

O'Connor scores from corner



Philip Micallef

Wollongong 1 Blacktown 2

Venue: Wollongong Show-ground

Crowd: 600

Referee: G. Davies

Scorers: Sandy 25th, O'Connor 38th, Kotamanidis 77th.

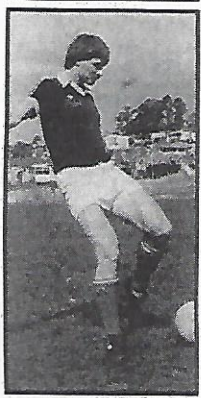
Former Wollongong star Phil O'Connor showed his old admirers he has lost none of his brilliance.

The international striker produced an exceptional first half to help Blacktown to a comfortable lead which it maintained throughout the game.

O'Connor's speed, dribbling and ability to come up with the unexpected were the features of a game which provided several thrilling moments.

One such moment came seven minutes from half time when O'Connor, with Blacktown leading 1-0, scored direct from a corner kick.

His curling inswinger from the right caught goalkeeper Vardareff unawares and finished in the net despite a defender's effort to clear.



Three of the Tasmanians who will play against Australia, from top: Larry Nunn, Ian Parker and Terry Banagan

AROK CALLS UP BANOVIC

Green Gully 0 Melb. Croatia 1

Scorer: Biskic 26th.

Venue: Green Gully Reserve.

Crowd: about 2000.

Referee: Stewart Mellings 7.

Cautions: McLelland (GG), Cumming (Cr), Gojevic (Cr), Hannah (Cr), Mancinelli (GG), Smart (GG).

Croatia forwards Tommy Cumming, Steve Gojevic and Josip Biskic turned on the style at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday, but it took the brilliant reflexes of goalkeeper Yacka Banovic to prevent Green Gully from equalising.

National coach Frank Arok, who had flown down from Sydney, still euphoric over St. George's 1-0 victory over Sydney Hakoah, announced after the match that he would use Banovic for a training match against Tasmania in Hobart on October 10.

He said also he would continue to keep an eye on Green Gully's never-say-die midfielder Paul Wade.

Arok praised Croatia for its skilful, imaginative attacking play but, true to form, he refused to single out individuals for praise.

With Cumming displaying all his vigor and determination, and Jozo Antolovic playing constructively in midfield, Croatia gave the Green Gully defence plenty of headaches. Kenny Smart in particular, had to bear the full burden of Croatia's attacks down the left. Although Croatia got through on that side, you had to admire Smart's sheer determination in fighting back throughout the match.

With David Brogan due to return against Juventus after suspension, Croatia will have even sharper teeth up front — and they'll probably be required against Juventus's resolute defence.

Green Gully, meanwhile, hopes to have Willie Vassallo back against George Cross. The Gully could have used him against Croatia.



Laurie Schwab

The only controversial incident in the match was a penalty appeal that was turned down by referee Stewart Mellings. It involved a clash between Cumming and Green Gully goalkeeper Lou Denys. Cumming ran after an unwise back-pass and went down in a collision with Denys.

Croatia coach Tony Vrzina claimed it was a penalty, and I would tend to agree with him.

Jim Campbell shot just wide after side stepping two opponents in the 10th minute, and Paul Wade replied with a header and shot on the turn, which both missed.

Croatia took the lead in the 26th minute after good lead-up play, which ended with a cross from Cumming which was nodded on by Robert Markovac, for Biskic to score at the far post.

Green Gully quickly had its chance to equalise. Jim Williams squared the ball to Les Carter who was unmarked in a good scoring position close to goal, but he hit his shot straight at Banovic.

Paul Lewis followed up by shooting past the post a minute later, and was off line once more after a cross from Bobby McGuinness and a follow-up header from Wade.

Banovic made one of his best saves only seconds after half time.

Carter directed a shot to the top left-hand corner. Banovic was to the right of goal, but he changed direction in a flash and got up to pluck the ball out of the air.

At the other end, Lou Denys made an excellent one-handed save to stop a shot from Markovac who had made an excellent turn down the right but then Green Gully lost David Smallman who received a bad cut to his left leg.



Tommy Cumming

Banovic maintained his good form in knocking the ball away one-handed before a cross could reach McGuinness, and Croatia replaced Markovac with Drago Deankovic who surely should have scored after Cumming's square pass in the 78th minute.

Biskic had been tantalising opponents with his uncanny ball skill throughout the match. In the 80th minute he had two good scoring chances, but luck was not with him. First his good volley was touched past by Denys for a corner, and after that corner, Biskic shot into the side netting.

The little winger was hurt soon afterwards and replaced by Keith Adams.

Paul Lewis would have equalised six minutes before the end had it not been for Banovic. Lewis, at the right-hand post, lobbed the ball over George Hannah, regained possession and belted a promising shot at Banovic from close range. Banovic however, reacted brilliantly in deflecting the ball on to the crossbar.

Green Gully and Croatia drew their youth league match 1-1, with both sides scoring from the penalty spot.

Robert Saitlik put Croatia ahead in the first half after Danny Zemunik had been fouled, and Gordon Wallace replied late in the match after goalkeeper Peter Blasby had brought down Maxwell.

Teams with ratings:

GREEN GULLY: McKenna 7 — Tyquin 6, Kremers 6, Kurbasa 6, Beranic 6 — Maxwell 6, Wallace 8, J. Kadlicek 6, Baricello 6 — P. Kadlicek 7 (Pace 75th), S. Mancinelli 6.

CROATIA: Blasby 6 — Zilic 7, Sabljak 7, Smoljko 7, Bacak 6 — Trogrlic 6, Protuder 6, Jukic 7, Vranic 6 — Zemunik 6, Saitlik 6.

Man of the Match:

ROBBIE DUNN

(Makedonia)

Robbie Dunn sinks his former club

By FRANK PANGALLO

Makedonia 1 WA-Hellas 0

Scorer: Dunn 20 min.

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd 1100

Referee: Jim Rossis 8.

Makedonia kept alive its hopes of figuring in the top five play-offs with a four 1-0 win over a pathetic West Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Hellas was dealt the killer blow in the 20th minute by one of its former players, lanky sweeper Robbie Dunn, who was making his first appearance at Hindmarsh since leaving Adelaide at the start of the season.

Dunn frustrated Hellas' attempts to get back into the game. He was resilient across the backline, along with Ian Dobson, George McMillan and Con Opatinas.

Hellas, after the previous week's inspiring away draw against Heidelberg, never looked like threatening Makedonia's hold on the game.

Its players were placed under enormous pressure by sloppy passes and indiscriminate clearances.

Hellas' forwards hardly had a sniff of the ball. If it wasn't the tight marking of Makedonia that forced them into errors, it was the way the ball was delivered to them.

Pint-sized John Kritikos couldn't be faulted for his work-rate but he never had a chance with all the high balls floated in his direction.

The Hellas midfield had no idea of how to counter Makedonia's defensive approach. Panagis, Papadopoulos and Stamatiopoulos lacked the

experience and intuitive skills of their opposite numbers. Makedonia did enough to ensure it held on to its lead but in doing so helped kill off whatever entertainment value the game offered.

Including Dunn's goal, there were only four direct shots at goal.

Kritikos almost succeeded in a cheeky attempt to volley a high job from Stamatiopoulos late in the first half.

But the bored fans had to wait until 15 minutes from the end before there was any more action of substance. Makedonia's second and only chance of the game came 50 minutes after Dunn had scored. Claude Lucchesi had the goal at his mercy but hit the ball into the side netting.

Hellas' Steve Baker almost grabbed a draw nine minutes from the end when he flashed into the box and sliced a volley across the face of goal.

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Syd Olympic 3 Melita Eagles 0

Scorers: Theodorakopoulos 21st and 92nd, Raskopoulos 76th.

Venue: St George Stadium.

Crowd: 3426.

Referee: Peter Ramplay 9.

In spite of the comfortable margin of Olympic's win this was a match of missed opportunities — for both sides. Not that Olympic didn't deserve to win — it certainly did — but both coaches must have spent last Sunday night mulling over what might have been.

Manfred Schaefer's boys didn't wrap these two points up until a quarter of an hour from the end. When they did, it was after the most sustained 45 minutes of pressure I have seen a team absorb in a long time — Melita in this instance — during a first half display of football fireworks by the Greek club.

That the score at the break was only one-nil is one of the small miracles of the game of soccer.

Theodorakopoulos cleverly hooked into the net a Katholos corner kick in the 21st minute, but before and after that it was a non-stop siege of the Melita goal that had the crowd roaring with excitement.

Looking for an early knock-out punch, Olympic could have put away half a dozen, but Patalis, Raskopoulos, Kalantzis, Patikas and their fellows



Jim Patikas

Man of the Match: JIM PATIKAS (Syd Olympic)

chance after chance after chance.

Obviously realising their great good fortune, Bianco's men counted their blessings at half time and came out with renewed vigor — plus a much tighter guard on midfield dynamos Patikas and Katholos.

Now the chances started falling Melita's way, but unfortunately for the NSL rookies most of them came the way of Paul Andricopoulos, who simply wasn't up to the task at hand.

As Greek fans started worrying about the possibility of dropping a point, Katholos was tripped just outside the penalty area, allowing Raskopoulos' curling free kick — with the help of a slight deflection off the wall — to clinch the proceedings for Olympic.

With eight minutes still remaining, Ray Farrugia squandered a gilt-edged chance to get back into the game. The Maltese international chose to shoot and shot into Gary Meier's hands — from an acute angle when the bitter solution would have been to slip the ball to the totally unmarked Ken Wilson just seven metres out and in the middle.

The final nail in Melita's coffin — Nick Theodorakopoulos' soaring header just before the final whistle, only served to liven up the celebrations as it hit the back of a gallant Alex McPherson's net.



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B.U. Juventus 4 Geo. Cross 2

Scorers: 1-0 Dowie 1st, 2-0 Sweeney 8th, 3-0 Cullen 40th, 3-1 Faulkner 42nd, 3-2 Latif 47th pen, 4-2 Ward 78th.
Venue: Olympic Park no. 2
Referee: Jim Fearn 6
Cautions: Miranda (KBJ), Bennett (SGC), Ward (BJ), Dowie (BJ).
Sent off: Bain (SGC) 67th

Behind the colorful, showman personality that is George Martin, there is a sensitive man who is easily hurt by what is written about him.

That is the warning that has been drummed into me by Juventus coach John Margaritis who has given me a piece of his mind since I first dubbed Martin the new clown prince of goalkeepers eight weeks back.

"He read that I described him as mad and came to me crying asking for an explanation. I think the papers should concentrate on his goalkeeping ability rather than trying to blow up his antics," Margaritis said.

But even taking all that into account, I would be shrugging off my own responsibilities if I didn't state here that the goalkeeper almost cost Juventus the points from this game on Sunday.

Juve took a first-minute lead, had built a two-goal lead by the 40th minute and looked set to score a big result to improve its goal difference (which is the worst of the top eight teams in the competition) to make certain of a place in the top five play-offs with two games to go.

But they reckoned without the unpredictable Romanian.

Even before the Juventus supporters had stopped cheering Robert Cullen's goal at the match in the 40th minute, Martin went up to cut off a seemingly harmless cross

Cullen starts show but Martin falters



Peter Desira

Man of the Match:
ROBERT CULLEN
(B.U. Juve)

from the right from George Cross striker Ion Pit.

Martin got the ball OK but somehow failed to hang onto it, letting it run loose to Jeff Faulkner who promptly planned it into the back of the net while the keeper was still picking himself off the floor.

The keeper changed shirts at the half time break. One wonders if it was in hope that the ball would stick a bit closer to the jumper in the second half.

But his second mistake had nothing to do with hanging on to the ball. This time, three minutes into the second half, Martin charged off his line and literally ran full steam into Ossie Latif to give away a penalty when all that the George Cross striker had been trying to do was to shrug off a Juventus defender in the area.

Margaritis was showing kittens as Latif calmly picked

himself off the ground and coolly slotted away the spot-kick for his eighth goal of the season.

That second goal lifted Cross and for the first time in the match the side looked like it could make a match of it. Urged on by its eternally optimistic supporters they came within an ace of getting the equaliser when Latif rose to meet a Slobodan Jovanovic corner only to see his header go narrowly wide.

But despite having its tail up, Cross continued to ignore Robert Cullen, who was having a field day down the right.

Seemingly oblivious of the slippery conditions of Olympic Park, the tiny winger — who used to play for George Cross — kept on showing uncanny close control to get past Jovanovic and fullback Roger Bain as well as sweeper Jim O'Reilly.

Cullen had cheekily taunted O'Reilly into a tackle, nonchalantly slipped past the defender, rounded young keeper Paul Tomkinson and then steamed to shoot past two Cross defenders in the six yard box to collect his goal and Juventus' third in the 40th minute.

After the two Cross goals, he again dashed down the right and crossed into the box for Gary Ward to smash a header which rattled the crossbar.

Bain's frustrations came to a head in the 67th minute with the fullback's late tackle judged to be hard enough to earn him marching orders from referee Jim Fearn.

Without Bain to contend with, it was inevitable that Cullen would conjure up some magic. He did the same safe for Juventus.

And he did it in style in the 78th minute with another run down the right, keeping his footing despite a late tackle from Jovanovic, and with referee Fearn playing the advantage rule the resultant low centre was slammed home by Ward.

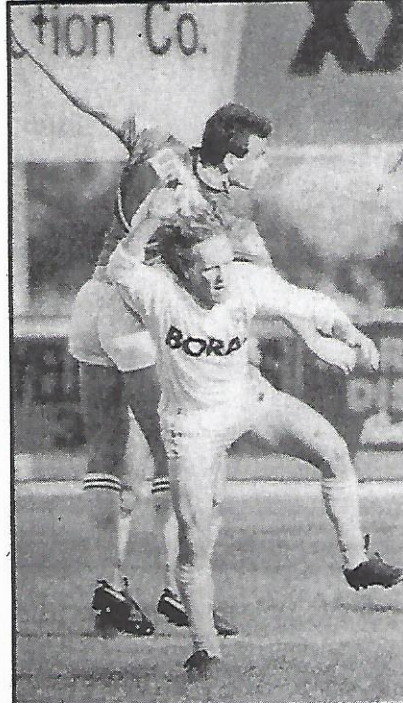
Cullen also featured in the first goal of the game, scored in the opening minute of play. The winger touched on a long throw from Richard Miranda and the ball fell nicely for John Dowie to head home and give Tomkinson a nightmare start to his NSL career.

Tomkinson, who was promoted to the senior side after Tom Costello resigned from his contract midweek, will have to live with the dubious distinction that his first touch of the ball at NSL level was picking it out of the net.

Juve's second goal in the eighth minute was another simple affair, with Joe Sweeney going up unmarked to head home Dowie's corner kick from the left.

George Cross president Al Zahra, bemused to pay \$300,000 it has cost the club to play for a season in the NSL, declared after the game that he will not as previously thought be standing down from his position at the end of the season.

He expects to be challenged for the presidency but is quite prepared and is confident he will win any upcoming ballot. "I don't want our supporters to think I'm deserting a sinking ship. I have faced challenges before and am confident I can win this one again if the challenges do materialise," Zahra said.



Steve Calderan of Marconi leaps to head the ball away from Brisbane City's Ken Swan. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO

Brown scores with his hand



Ricky Rosso

Brisb City 2 Marconi 2

Scorers: Brown 61st and 73rd, Mengotti 79th, Bromfield 85th.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Crowd: 764
Cautions: Milovanovic (BC)
Referee: Bill Monteverde 8

Brisbane has been notorious this year for bad refereeing decisions. But for once the visiting team benefited when Marconi played a 2-2 draw with Brisbane City.

But unlike the fate of many southern sides in Brisbane this year, Lady Luck took pity on the team penalised by the referee and helped even the scores.

The first incident occurred more than half way into the second half with Marconi leading 1-0 thanks to a well-taken Rene Licata goal 12 minutes earlier.

Winger Rene Licata, who had come on for the injured Martin Driene after 32 minutes, broke quickly down the left and played a perfect cross to Brown, unmarked at the far post.

Brown seemed to get the ball but at the last minute the gusty wind caused the cross to dip suddenly. But, with the reaction of a seasoned professional, Brown carried on his heading action as he brought through a stiff arm to push the ball into the net.

Referee Bill Monteverde, who had been caught down the field a little by the quick Licata break, looked to his linesman. The flag stayed down and the goal stood, despite heated and lengthy protests by the City players.

At 0-2 down, City looked beaten, staring another loss in the face. How could a side which had scored fewer goals than any other in the league net two to steal a draw?

But six minutes later City was given a gift.

Young striker Frank Mengotti hit a through ball from the halfway line that pierced the flat Marconi defence. His striking partner Ken Swan, in a seemingly offside position, took chase, which prompted Marconi keeper Bruce James to leave his area to get to the ball first.

But it was obvious that Swan was never going to get to the pass, so James checked, allowed the ball to roll past him and headed back to the penalty area for a routine pick up.

But aided by a tailwind, and a deceiving pace, the ball

Man of the Match:
ROD BROWN
(Marconi)

carried on faster than James had expected. And the goal loomed up even quicker. The ball beat James to the goal line by nearly five metres, and City was back in the game.

And Marconi, the side which had a stranglehold on the match, was nervous. City, now playing under the guidance of captain Frank Pimblett and looking a much more attacking unit, threw everyone forward.

And finally in the 85th minute the home side won a free kick about 30 metres out. Big stopper Frank Liddell moved to his usual position at the far post and it seemed a foregone conclusion that he was the target, as he has been for 99 per cent of freekicks this season.

But Bromfield and Pimblett had different ideas. The ball was pushed slightly to the left, stopped, and Bromfield cracked the most fierce of shots into the top left hand corner for an equaliser.

City, for one of the few times this season, was in full flight. Marconi looked desperate. And in the end, despite several clear cut chances in the first half, the Sydney side was lucky not to lose.

With two minutes remaining young striker Lee Scriggins forced his way down the left and unexpectedly fired a shot from an acute angle. The wind again curled the ball and but for a fine one-handed save from James, the shot would have slipped into the top right hand corner of the goal.



Ken Kontra

Injuries hamper J.U.S.T.

Man of the Match:
SERGIO MELTA
(AC-Juventus)

Foots JUST 0 AC-Juventus 0

Without the injured Gary McDowell, the Footscray JUST midfield was practically non-existent and only the inability of the visitors to capitalise on their midfield dominance, and some good defensive work by Tom Karic and Graham Tutill, saved JUST from embarrassment.

Sergio Melta, Charlie Villani and to a lesser degree, Joe Cecere, had so much possession that at times a Juventus goal looked almost inevitable. However, its attacks broke down with monotonous regularity in front of goal.

In fact, the only real chance Juventus had came in the 47th minute when Shillabeer's cross found Mark Gatenby in a scoring position, but Dennis Boland tipped his powerful shot over the bar.

The first shot on target came in the 15th minute. Jamie Paton wriggled past two defenders and knocked the ball to the feet of Tony Caban. Willie McNally had to dive full length to push Caban's well directed shot on the turn around the post.

This was the only occasion when Paton and Caban created something together. Generally they were in each other's way, rather than in a position to provide support. Paton also looked unfit and was finally replaced by Jimmy Fernandez in the 63rd minute.

Fernandez did live things up a bit, and at least put the Juventus defence under some pressure with his strong running and challenging. It is a pity that some of the more established JUST players did not display the same degree of commitment!

In fairness, JUST had more than its fair share of problems affecting team selection. In addition to the absence of Gary McDowell, it also lost Suleitine Currow in midfield, and Kyri Kyriakoulous, who was serving a one week's suspension.

Adelaide Juventus looked quite well organised at the back, and produced some attractive touches in midfield, but it failed to produce the goods in front of goal.

The match was almost completely devoid of goal-mouth action and excitement and Sam Zoumas' final whistle was a welcome sound indeed!

Lazopoulos for Hellas?

SM-Hellas 0 Bris Lions 0

Venue: Middle Park
Crowd: about 2500
Cautions: R. Stewart, Hunter, Daunt (Lions)
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 8



Craig Mackenzie

If South Melbourne Hellas committeeman Jim Diamantaris has his way, then flying winger Bill Lazopoulos from Victorian State League club Western Suburbs will be wearing Hellas colors next year.

Footscray JUST and Heidelberg Alexander both want to sign Lazopoulos but Diamantaris has spoken to the youngster and it appears that Lazopoulos wants to join Hellas next year.

And if Hellas president Leo Anezakis has his way, the National League will recognise that the 1984 title holders in both Conferences are the sides that finish at the top of the tables at the end of the league season.

"What is more important: Winning a couple of top five games or winning about 20 games throughout the league season?" Anezakis asks.

He's quite right too. The National League really blundered when it denied the table-topping side at the end of the season the right to lay claim to the championship. Let the eventual top five winner be called the premier if you want to Australianise the NSL, but for goodness sake, give credit to the side that does the hardest thing by finishing on top at the end of a gruelling season.

While the Hellas display here was nothing to write home about, Brisbane Lions showed that they would be more than worthy of a top five finish and a place in the championship play-offs.

Lions are a good side.

They got forward quickly when Hellas lost the ball in midfield and on two occasions in the first half Lions' forwards outnumbered Hellas

Man of the Match:
ALAN HUNTER
(Bris Lions)

defenders but the Queenslanders were unable to capitalise.

In both instances it was Hellas midfielder John Kanesoulis who lost the ball, allowing Lions to break quickly.

Clark Anderson robbed Kanesoulis in the 17th minute, broke forward, then slipped the ball wide to Jim McDonagh on the left of the Hellas area. McDonagh's first try was blocked and from the second attempt he shot wide of the near post from 10 metres.

The best two chances of the match fell to Lions in the second half.

McDonagh sent Anderson through in the 57th minute. Peter Laumets came off his line and although Anderson struck the ball wide of Laumets he also struck it just wide of the far post.

Luck certainly deserted McDonagh in the 73rd minute when he pounced on a bad back

pass by John Yzendoorn and with Laumets charging out to confront him, McDonagh cleverly lobbed the ball over the Hellas goalie only to watch in dismay as it hit the top of the bar and bounced over.

Hellas too had chances.

Its best player, Steve Blair, headed just wide from a Doug Brown cross in the 20th minute and a glancing header by Yzendoorn in the 43rd minute was scrambled clear by the Lions defence.

Hellas's best chance came in the 69th minute. A great ball by Alan Davidson sent Charlie Egan scooting down the left. Egan cut inside Steve Jackson, then squared to Brown whose first-time effort from 10 metres was spectacularly tipped over by Robin Farrow.

Alan Hunter was rock solid in the heart of the Lions defence and also galloped forward a few times to good effect. The big man gave a bit and copped plenty but he kept ploughing into challenges and showing great character as well as a few fine skills.

Yes, I think Lions can finish in the top five and if they do, they won't be easy to toss.

Despite Hellas's slight stumble at this hurdle it should go on to finish in top spot in the National Conference.

Irrespective of what the National League calls it, this writer and many others will regard Hellas as the 1984 National Conference champ if it finishes with top billing at the end of 28 rounds.

Overseas

• The curse of Asian soccer — bribery, has raised its ugly head again. Kuala Lumpur police have announced the arrest of an alleged professional match fixer, who was staying in the same hotel as teams engaged in the Merdeka Tournament. It is claimed that almost \$200,000 had changed hands before the arrest was made halfway through the competition.

• Two pieces of good news for New Zealand: Steve Woodin has declared himself available for all forthcoming World Cup matches, while fellow 1982 campaigner Steve Sumner made a successful comeback after being sidelined for half the season with a foot injury.

• Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark have made a joint application to stage the 1988 European Championship finals.

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MARTIN SENT OFF AFTER K.O. GOAL



Alex Vesic

SC-Hakoah 0 St George 1

Scorer: Martin 67th.
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Crowd: about 1000.

Dez Martin, the oldest player in the NSL, scored the goal which decided the issue at the Sydney Athletic Field last Saturday but failed to adhere to the rules when tackling Alex Robertson and was promptly sent off by referee Gary Power only two minutes later!

With 21 minutes to go, Saints defended with fierce determination to keep both points. This is the second time this year that Saints have beaten Sydney Hakoah — the first being the final of the Ampol Cup played early this season. Ironically, Dez Martin again was the scorer.

Martin, sent off for the first time in his career, was visibly upset over the incident. "I was kicked left right and centre during the game and I just blew my top. I shouldn't have done it, but that goal makes me feel much better," said Martin after the match.

"That goal" couldn't have come at a better time for the troubled Australian champions and it came with 23 minutes of play remaining. Pedro Ricoy took a free kick in the right, floating it to the far post. Michael O'Shea got his header in and Tony Pezzano could only block it, then watch in terror as Martin pounced to score from close range.

Only three minutes earlier Martin should have had another goal. From a free kick just outside the area, Martin chipped to deceive Pezzano but hit the post with the Hakoah keeper stranded in the middle of his goal!

Man of the Match: MIKE O'SHEA (St. George)

Peter Falconer's shot beat Terry Greedy in the 84th minute but also rebounded off the post!

Apart from a half chance which fell to Ricoy during the first period I find it difficult to pinpoint another worthwhile break by either side. In fact it was more of a "duel", with niggling fouls liberally sprinkled throughout this match.

During the first period and starting with an awful tackle on Dez Martin in the first minute, Hakoah players committed 19 fouls. The match was stopped for two minutes while Martin was attended to. Saints fouled seven times during the first 45 minutes. The count for the second half was reversed, with Hakoah being found guilty of fouling on 10 occasions and St George 15 times.

Total number of fouls: Sydney Hakoah 29, St George Budapest 22.

Gomez, Keith Falconer and Kosmina were booked from Hakoah and Barton and Petkovski from St George.

Then came the comments from the Hakoah camp that the referee used his whistle far too often.

Surely, you could not fault Gary Power for the awful performance which took place before some 1,000 spectators.

Even allowing for the importance of this match there is no excuse for constant and



• Pedro Ricoy of St George Budapest is sandwiched between Hakoah goalkeeper Tony Pezzano and John Kosmina. At front is Alex Robertson and at right Graham Fletcher. Picture by ALEX VESIC.

DELIBERATE pushing, shoving and tripping and being very close to the action I could vouch for the decisions of Mr Power as correct.

He was only upholding the laws of the game and that is HIS JOB. What about the job

of entertaining people? For how long do we have to go through this trauma of foul play? This is why people stray away from games!

To bring them back we must provide entertainment. Fifty-free free kicks in a match

allowed for very little but boredom.

However, there were a few notable performances on the day, with Michael O'Shea completely blotting out Kosmina and Robertson holding the strings at the back for Hakoah.

BRADLEY SHOWS THE WAY

Penrith 0 APIA 3

Scorers: Morsello 68th, Gray 77th, Tredinick 83rd
Venue: Cook Park
Crowd: 878
Cautions: Bertagna (A.L.), Waterspoon (P)
Referee: Tim Davies 9

The weekend began early for the Sydney clubs

engaged in the complex battle to stave off relegation and achieve a top five spot. Penrith City elected to play its scheduled game on Friday night to avoid the clash with Sunday's Rugby League grand final.

The attendance was fair for a night game and those present saw a game in which the visitors gradually won down their somewhat stereotyped opponents after sharing the spoils in the first half.

Things were pretty quiet for the first half hour or so, but after young David Hale had struck the underside of the bar with a cracking shot in the 25th minute things began to liven up a bit.

APIA had Bobby Parks to thank for an excellent save in the 64th minute which kept the scoresheet blank. Brian Jackson made a move on the right, crossed for Cotton who dived for Jeff Ainsworth, who raced through to confront the 'keeper with the ball. At close range, and the shot right on target, Parks reacted splendidly to take the ball cleanly.

Then APIA sprang to life. John Bradley, the dynamo in the midfield for the visitors, found Morsello who evaded Don Campbell and picked his spot at the far left post, perfectly eluding Gibson by shooting low and hard into the corner of the net.

Bradley again managed to get into the act six minutes later when he got his head to a Bozanic free kick from the right and watched the ball graze the crossbar.

It wasn't long before Bradley made another contribution. This time he found Gray in space and the Australian 'cap' with such good service was able to virtually walk through and score with an almost identical shot to that of Morsello.

Penrith could do little about it now and the introduction of teenager Randall Easthorpe and experienced Peter Nix, brought on desperately by Willie Wallace in the 77th minute, simply served to inspire APIA to even greater efforts.

It was Bradley again who had the last word. He took a

Man of the Match: JOHN BRADLEY (APIA)

throw on the right, accepted the return ball and crossed first time. In what appeared to be a set move, Peter Tredinick coming in at full speed through the middle was able to head the ball past Gibson's left shoulder.

Penrith, when it was too late, gave some excitement to its supporters, when first, five minutes from the end, Ainsworth crossed for Easthorpe who got in the header only to see Bozanic head the ball away to safety. Then Peter Nix hit the post right on the final whistle to complete an unhappy night's proceedings for Penrith.

This result pleased not only APIA, but a contingent of Blacktown players paying close attention from the grandstand.

It was not entirely unexpected to see APIA deal such a blow to Penrith's hopes, but nevertheless Penrith will point to the absence of 'Big Mac' David McIntosh at the back for a loss of some assurance in defence and to a few shots hitting the woodwork during the game.

APIA was a tough opponent, but one senses that Penrith will be the favorite now for relegation.

The intra-conference challenge will bring Penrith face to face with Melita and that could shape up as almost a relegation play-off if the sides are still locked together after next week's games.

APIA not only hangs onto third spot, but remains clear of Italian rival Marconi. APIA has a real no-nonsense approach, (quite different from Marconi's) which seems to be paying dividends.

Its own intra-conference game will of course be the all-Italian derby and a few questions should be answered then.

Martens to step down

ACT soccer will loose three of its most experienced and capable administrators in 1985.

They are long-serving chairman of the ACT Football League, Jerry Martens (a man older Melbourne fans might remember), the secretary of the ACTSF, Jack Pettit, and chairman of the mushrooming Canberra Amateur League, Brian Angel.

Martens has held his position for nearly eight years and in the previous decade-and-a-half spent years in various junior and senior administrative positions.

In the 1950s, Martens was one of the key administrators of the Bonelliga Soccer Club for three seasons — from 1956 to 1958.

PETER WINDSOR

Peter Windsor

Canberra 1 Heidelberg 0

Scorer: Reis, 64th.
Venue: Hawker Oval
Crowd 1000.
Referee: Richard Loranc 6.
Cautions: Mihailidis, Bryant (Can), Stevenson, Salemidis (Heid).

Canberra Arrows, in their last home game of 1984, sent the visitors of Heidelberg-Alexander crashing to only their sixth defeat of the season.

And in winning, Canberra set a new club record of five consecutive victories and is still in with a strong chance of making the top five in the Australian Conference.

The game was tough and torrid — particularly in the first 40 minutes.

The match was played on Hawker Oval as the National Sports Centre was unavailable because of ground work in preparation for next year's World Athletic Cup.

Foul marks to both backlines. They tackled superbly — but Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey might have reason to ponder his decision to continue with nine-goal man Scott Patterson in the back-line.

Truthfully, Heidelberg never produced a shot of note in the first 45 minutes — and it wasn't until the last 15 minutes, with the situation desperate, that Patterson pushed himself more and more into attack.

Full marks for courage to Canberra's striker Marko Perinovic the young man who celebrated his 20th birthday the previous weekend with a hat-trick against Green Gully. Perinovic both dished it out — and took punishment without complaint.

In doing so he constantly drew two men to him and left space for fellow front-runners Ian Gibson and Alan Reis.

All three had particularly strong games.

For Heidelberg, goalkeeper Jeff Oliver was in brilliant form. He was tested the first time by Perinovic in the 20th minute with a rising, 20-metre shot.

Oliver took it superbly — and minutes later again showed his agility and anticipation in flogging himself sideways to stop a sneaky Gibson header on the goal-line.

Again, in the 33rd minute, Oliver saved — this time from a header by Canberra's midfielder Tommy Sermanni.

The game was fast and furious — and enthralling for the 100 fans who watched in brilliant sunshine.

The deadlock was broken in the 38th minute, and the man who created it was Canberra's midfielder, Steve Bryant.

Bryant was man-of-the-match and set up the match-winner from a corner kick.

Gibson headed on and the effort spreadeagled Heidelberg's defence. The ball bounced just right for Canberra's Alan Reis and Reis managed to squeeze his close-range shot just inches inside of the post.

Heidelberg's best chance wasn't created until the 74th minute by front-runner Steve Tasios.

The youngster had had a great game and made ground rapidly on the far, right hand flank. From 25 metres he shot and as Canberra's goalkeeper Peter Franklyn flung himself sideways, he slipped.

One could have cut the split-



Arrows notch fifth win in a row

Man of the Match: STEVE BRYANT (Canberra)

second concern with a knife — but the shot whistled just a foot or so wide.

Both sides made substitutes in the last 15 or so minutes but with Heidelberg pressing strongly Canberra managed to hold on to that solitary goal lead.

Big George Christopoulos was again dominant in Canberra's defence — as was Jim Harkins.

Best for Heidelberg was goalkeeper Oliver, closely followed by Tasios and stopper Charlie Yankos.

The weekend Canberra travels to Newcastle knowing it must win if it is to have a chance of just sneaking in to the top five.

AROUND THE WORLD

• PSV Eindhoven, strengthened by the recent acquisitions of Hans van Breukelen from Nottingham Forest and Kenneth Brylle from Anderlecht, has been installed as favorite for the 1984-85 Dutch League title.

• One of England's best known managers, John Bond, has been dismissed by Burnley after disagreement between him and the club's directors.

• Former West German national team coach Jupp Derwall is reported to have signed a one year contract with Turkish Club Galatasaray.

• West German champion VfB Stuttgart has signed Belgian international Nico Claesen from bankrupt Siering.

• Tony Barton, manager of Aston Villa who won the European Cup in 1982, has taken charge of English fourth division club Northampton Town.

• Colombia's first ever victory over Argentina was marred by four players (three Argentinians) being sent off. Sanchez scored the only goal in Bogota.

WAS VIDAIC OFFSIDE?

Syd Croatia 1 N. Rosebud 3th

Scorers: Owens (N) 37th, Vidaic (SC) 46th.
Venue: King Tomislav Park.
Crowd: 2820
Cautions: Woods (SC)
Referee: Doug Rennie 7.

Sydney Croatia, one of five Sydney teams chasing a top five berth and at the same time watching relegation creeping up behind them, had to be satisfied with a point from this game against Newcastle on Sunday.

Perhaps a draw was a fair reflection of the game, but all the same Newcastle claims that it was robbed of the points.

With the first half already into injury time, Wally Savor headed on a Brett Woods free kick from the right, which after taking a slight deflection from a defender, reached Bruno Vidaic.

Facing only Clint Gosling, he was able to measure his header perfectly. Most observers felt that the big defender was standing in a blatant offside position when receiving the ball, but referee Doug Rennie, who may have been unsighted, signalled a goal after several times glancing towards his linesman without

Man of the Match: BRUNO VIDAIC (Syd Croatia)

getting any response and that was enough to wipe out the goal scored by Newcastle only eight minutes earlier.

It was another sensible game by the Northern New South Wales outfit which methodically goes about its business of collecting points and generally making life difficult for the other teams it meets.

It now has the chance in games against Canberra and Wollongong to reach the top five if things go its way.

Croatia has the same chance against rather more formidable opponents and hopes to have Boden and Savor in full flight to propel it into a big finishing effort.

For all that, it should still surprise to see either side figure in the top five as neither had quite enough exposure at both ends of the pitch to suggest that they could collect maximum points from these matches.

Zeljko Jurin showed a willingness to run with the ball, but allied with a reluctance to pass to a teammate, he ran into a dead end each time.

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From PAUL RADFORD

The charismatic Franz Beckenbauer seems to be winning all his battles as West Germany's national team manager, though not yet the ones which really count — on the soccer field.

Beckenbauer's debut at the helm of the national team ended in a 3-1 defeat by Argentina in Dusseldorf, West Germany's worst home loss in more than 27 years.

Yet the response from both press and public was almost unanimously benevolent, reflecting a mood expressed by one of the most prominent posters on show in the Dusseldorf crowd.

It read: "Kaiser Franz. Thank you, savior of the nation."

In an almost endless series of interviews since taking charge two months ago, Beckenbauer has clearly got his message across — that West German soccer has hit the depths and that it will be a long haul to put it back on top again.

The country's clubs are equally convinced, readily responding to Beckenbauer's request for help with his World Cup preparations, including extra training periods with the squad.

That Beckenbauer is enjoying a honeymoon period with the media was abundantly clear in the broadly uncritical press comments after the Argentina match.

It was hard to find a newspaper rash enough to remind its readers that the last time West Germany lost at home by two goals was back in May 1957 when Scotland won 3-1 in Stuttgart.

Beckenbauer's predecessor Jupp Derwall, who claims a concerted campaign by journalists forced him to resign, might ruefully reflect that he could have received savage reviews had he been involved in such a defeat.

However, the new manager has little time to match his off-the-field success with positive results on it. His next match, a World Cup qualifying game with Sweden in Cologne, takes place on October 17.

But he can, at least, take comfort from the expected return of two of his top players, striker and captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and stopper Karl Heinz Forster, who both missed the Argentina game through injury.

There were some bright spots too in the team, notably Ralf Falkenmayer, a 21-year-old midfielder, and left back Michael Frontzeck, 20.

But Beckenbauer recognises he must do a lot of work to change his team's style. The brilliant Argentine confirmed suspicion which began to surface during the summer's European championship in France — that in terms of tactics the world's top nations have moved on and left West Germany behind.

The limitations of West Germany's plodding, conventional 4-4-2 system were thoroughly exposed by the more flexible South Americans.

Dispensing with full-backs, the Argentines plied two markers on West Germany's twin strikers, a sweeper, six midfielders and a lone striker in lanky Ricardo Gareca.

The midfield, marshalled by the superb Ricardo Bochini, baffled the West Germans by hunting in packs of four or five, dazzling the opposition with a series of lightning first-time passes and breaking quickly to pry open defensive gaps.

West German Soccer Federation President Hermann Neubauer was moved to describe Argentina as better than European champion France.

The view may be premature but the thought of Diego Maradona added to an Argentina side which also beat both Switzerland and Belgium 2-0 on its European tour should give sleepless nights to other pretenders in the 1986 World Cup title.

Beckenbauer himself was impressed enough to indicate he will partially copy Argentine tactics against Sweden, with only three men at the back and a packed midfield.

Tough for Milutinovic

Few coaches can have more daunting tasks in front of them than newly appointed Yugoslav national team coach Milos Milutinovic.

Although Yugoslavia consistently produces more quality players than any other European country, it has yet to do itself justice in the international arena, due largely to two self-inflicted handicaps — compulsory military service and the export of its best talent throughout Europe.

— PAUL MOON

Kaltz love sick?

Hamburg coach Ernst Happel suspended defender Manfred Kaltz indefinitely after the 1983 European Soccer champions were humbled by a part-time team in the West German Cup.

After a stormy team meeting lasting more than an hour Happel said: "Kaltz must put his private life in order. Then we will see."

Since he has had a girlfriend he seems to have forgotten how to play football.

Kaltz, 31, is going through divorce proceedings.

Happel also criticised the other players — Juergen Milowski, Wolfram Wuttke and Thomas Von Heesen — for their poor performances in the 2-0 loss to Goettingen.



Franz Beckenbauer as a player with New York Cosmos

Just when the North American Soccer League desperately needed them the most, the Cosmos failed to score a goal in their last three games and missed the play-offs for the first time since 1975.

After failures against the Tulsa Roughnecks and the Golden Bay Earthquakes the Cosmos failed again and lost, 1-0 in Chicago against the Sting. They gave Chicago the Eastern Division title and a spot against the Vancouver Whitecaps in the playoffs. The San Diego Sockers will take on the Toronto Blizzard in the other playoff.

The Cosmos needed only two goals in their last three games, win or lose, to clinch a playoff berth, but they came up empty and showed they lacked the character to carry on the tradition as the league's most glamorous team.

The five-time champions performed without emotion through most of the season. As a result, it was not surprising that they were shut out six times and attacked an average home attendance of only 12,886, compared with 27,242 a year ago. As the Cosmos go, so goes the NASL, which this year has reached its lowest level since 1969 in terms of number and teams and fan appeal.

Coach Eddie Firmani and several players offered all kinds of excuses for this uninspired season for the Cosmos, who drew a crowd of 7,581 in their last game at home — their smallest since they moved into Giants Stadium in 1977.

The pay cuts the club demanded from four key players at the beginning of the season and the subsequent internal bickering were too difficult to overcome, even after the mid-season purchase of the team's controlling interest by Giorgio Chinaglia, the league's most prolific scorer, who retired after last season.

Chinaglia's worth to the Cosmos as a player was never more evident than this season. Since he joined the Cosmos in 1976, the team always has had several players among the league's leading scorers, but no one made the top 10 this year, not even

From Alex Yannis

Roberto Cabanas, the league's leading scorer and most valuable player last year. Cabanas led the Cosmos in scoring, but he had only eight goals and four assists, far below the 25 goal and 16 assists he had last year. Injuries limited him to 15 games compared with 28 last year. Now the Cosmos say that he, specifically, and several other players will have to go.

"We have to build a new image," said Peppe Pinton, the managing director of the Cosmos, who said he was also speaking for Chinaglia, who was in Rome for the opener of Lazio, the team he owns in the Italian League.

"It's out of the question that Cabanas will play for the Cosmos again," Pinton said. "We had high hopes for him, but now it's a question of finding a team for him. He can no longer play for the Cosmos."

The Cosmos had counted so heavily on the 23-year-old Paraguayan, they cut the salaries of other players to be able to pay Cabanas about \$200,000.

Cabanas responded by playing with flair but concentrating more on his individual

moves than blending into a simple team plan. There were times when his teammates avoided giving him the ball, even though he was clearly open.

Asked about the problem, Cabanas said simply that this was his style of play. Also, he blamed lack of conditioning before the season, which resulted in various injuries to him. "All I can tell you is I am going to Paraguay for a week, and I would like to go to Spain."

By the time Firmani realised the problem, it was too late. He did not start Cabanas in the last two games, but still used him as a substitute although to no avail.

Pinton said that he and Firmani would work on plans for the team's participation in the Major Indoor Soccer League season, which will get under way on November 2. When asked whether Firmani's job was secure, Pinton said: "I'm not making a comment on that. That will be the president's decision."

Pinton said that the team would soon meet with Johan Neeskens, whose five-year contract expires November 15. He said Chinaglia wanted Neeskens has been receptive to the idea.



Roberto Cabanas cuts the ball inside during the Cosmos' match against Victoria in 1982. At left is Victorian full back Peter Lewis.

Rossi, Janjanin notch hat-tricks

Scottish international midfielder John Wark scored the only goal of the game to steer European Cup holders Liverpool to a comfortable victory over Lech Poznan in Poland.

Italy's 1982 World Cup hero Paolo Rossi scored a hat-trick in Juventus's 4-0 win over lives Tampere in Finland.

Another European Cup hat-trick man was Ranko Janjanin of Red Star Belgrade as he led his team to a stirring comeback and a 3-2 win over Benfica of Portugal after they had trailed by two goals at halftime.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP

- 1 Rapid Vienna (Austria) 4 Beasles Istanbul (Turkey)
- Bayern Munich (W.Germany) 4 Mosa FC (Turkey)
- 1 Wrexham (Wales) 1 FC Porto (Portugal) 0
- Wetz (France) 2 FC Barcelona (Spain) 4
- Moscow Dynamo (USSR) 1 Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 0
- 1 AS Roma (Italy) 1 Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0
- BK Copenhagen (Denmark) 0 Fortuna Sittard (Netherlands) 0
- 1 Lazio (Italy) 2 Dynamo Dresden (E.Germany) 0
- Widza Krakow (Poland) 4 IFV Vestmannaeyjar (Iceland) 2
- 1 Slavia Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 4 US Luxembourg (Luxembourg) 0
- 1 Tiflis Baniyas (Hungary) 1 Larissa (Greece) 1

UEFA CUP

- 1 Ballymena (N. Ireland) 0 Hamrun Spartans (Malta)
- 1 Inter Bratislava (Czech) 2 Kuusysi Lahti (Finland)
- 1 University College Dublin (Ire) 0 Everton (England) 0
- 1 Gantoise (Belgium) 1 Glasgow Celtic (Scotland) 0
- 1 Apoll FC (Cyprus) 0 Servette Geneva (Switzerland) 0
- 1 Videoton (Hungary) 1 Dukla Prague (Czech) 0
- 1 Bohemians Dublin (Republic of Ireland) 3 Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 2
- 1 SC Braga (Portugal) 0 Tottenham Hotspur (England) 3
- 1 Sion (Switzerland) 1 Athletic Madrid (Spain) 0
- 1 FC Vorwarts Frankfurt (E.Germany) 2 PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 0
- 1 Real Madrid (Spain) 5 Wacker Innsbruck (Austria) 0
- 1 Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 2 Auxerre (France) 0
- 1 Manchester United (England) 3 Raba Eto Gyor (Hungary) 0

Second leg matches to be played October 2, 3 and 4.

- Dukla Banika Bystec (Czech) 2 Borussia Mönchengladbach (W.Germany) 3
- Real Valladolid (Spain) 1 FC Rijeka (Yugoslavia) 0
- Anderslecht (Belgium) 1 Werder Bremen (W.Germany) 0
- AIK Stockholm (Sweden) 1 Dundee United (Scotland) 0
- Dynamo Minsk (USSR) 4 HJK Helsinki (Finland) 0
- FC Cologne (W.Germany) 2 MKS Posen Szczecin (Poland) 1
- Nottingham Forest (England) 0 FC Brugge (Belgium) 0
- Lokomotiv Leipzig (E.Germany) 7 Lillestrom (Norway) 0
- Odense Boldklub (Denmark) 1 Maccow Spartak (USSR) 5
- Southampton (England) 0 SV Hamburg (W.Germany) 0
- Oster Vaxjo (Sweden) 0 Leik Umea (Austria) 1
- Bohemians Prague (Czech) 6 Apollon Limassol (Cyprus) 1
- Olympikos (Greece) 1 Nauchatel Namax (Switzerland) 0
- Sliven (Bulgaria) 1 Zelaznicar (Yugoslavia) 0
- Betis Sevilla (Spain) 1 Universitatea Craiova (Romania) 0
- Monaco (France) 2 Caka Sofia (Bulgaria) 2
- Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey) 0 Fiorentina (Italy) 1
- Widzew Lodz (Poland) 2 Aarhus (Denmark) 0
- Sportul Studentesc (Romania) 1 Inter Milan (Italy) 0

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Sayer joins Chester, Kiwi Steve returns

By PAUL MOON

Former Newcastle KB United player Jim Hamilton has joined Scottish Division Two club Queen of the South. Previous reports that Berwick Rangers had succeeded in obtaining his signature proved premature.

Second half goals by Cho Min-Kook enabled South Korea to gain a surprise 2-0 victory over a Minas Gerais Selection (Brazil) in the Merdeka Trophy final. It was the Koreans' ninth success in South East Asia's premier soccer event.

Wollongong's hopes of acquiring Peter Sayer for 1985 may now be in question, as the former Welsh international has signed with English Fourth Division club Chester.

Tottenham Hotspur has turned down a big-money bid by sporting Lisbon for reserve team striker Garth Crooks.

Fiorentina coach Giancarlo de Sisti is reported to be comfortable after an operation to remove a brain abscess.

Former Brisbane City full back George Caird is now serving Christchurch United in New Zealand.

Ray Wilkins and Bryan Robson renewed their old Manchester United partnership, combining to give the latter an 82nd minute winner for England against East Germany in a friendly international before just 23,000 at Wembley.

Naples is planning to build a 120,000 seat super stadium.

Following the resignation of Zindabad from the Hong Kong League, ex-Wollongong goalkeeper Jim Preston has joined Sea Bea in the Crown Colony.

It is reported that Cesar Luis Menotti will return to Argentina next year — as coach of floundering River Plate.

France has been asked to participate in a week-long tournament with England next June. It is planned as a replacement for the discontinued British Championship.

Michel N'Gom, one of France's most promising young players, has been killed in a car crash.

Paul Wolfsberg's resignation as Switzerland's national football coach came just two days after the team had beaten Norway.

Ernesto Marcheroni, the last surviving member of Uruguay's 1930 World Cup winning side, has died aged 79.

Former Brazilian national team manager Carlos Alberto Parreira is reported to have accepted a similar post in the United Arab Emirates — for \$440,000 a year.

The New Zealand team will play two warm up games in Fiji en route to next February's Oceania Youth Cup tournament in Australia.

The New Zealand Football Association is to apply for soccer's inclusion in the 1990 Commonwealth Games. If the request is turned down, it intends to run a Commonwealth tournament co-incidental with the Games.

Argentina has abandoned a proposed two match tour of Saudi Arabia because its manager, Carlos Bilardo, refused to let his charges play on artificial turf. The decision will cost the Argentine federation \$400,000 in match fees.

VB Stuttgart are likely to withdraw their defender Guido Buchwald for three months. Buchwald suffered a serious ankle injury.

AC Milan's English acquisition Mark Hateley was sent off during his debut — an Italian Cup game with Brescia.

The future of Tottenham Hotspur's Argentinian international Osvaldo Ardiles must be in question after yet another operation on his knee.

IT'S SUPERGAUT!



son wants to go

heel of fortune has turned full
r Sydney Croatia goalkeeper
tson (pictured).

onal team contention last year,
was injured early this season, so
ought Greg Woodhouse from

oodhouse has entrenched him-
self that Watson is unable to dis-
so he's seeking a transfer.

Look! Out there!
On the field! It's a
bird! It's a plane!
No, it's . . .

Superman! Yes,
Superman, who,
dressed as mild man-
nered Victorian ref-
eree Michael Gaut,
fights fearlessly for
truth, justice and the
F.I.F.A. way.

This tireless custodian of
referees' rights, this far
from under-fed overseer of players'
and officials' behaviour, this
sentinel of on-field and off-



By CRAIG
MACKENZIE

field discipline, is relentless in
his quest to rid Australian
soccer of all wrong-doers.

Able to leap Tommy
Cumming in a single bound, of
stopping a speeding Andrew
Zinni with just one puff, cap-
able of lifting George Walli-
ace with one arm and able to
reduce the most ferocious
competitor to a wimp with the
wave of a red card, this forth-

right form which enforces fair
play, this man who turns
mighty miscreants into me-
lancholic minnows, this Mes-
siah among black-uniformed
men, strives ceaselessly to
secure a fairer soccer future
for all.

"I'm really just a guy who
loves the game and refereeing
is one way in which I can par-
ticipate, hopefully in a benefi-

cial fashion," said Gaut,
whose masterful modesty
takes on monolithic dimen-
sion.

And would you believe that
Gaut used to be a hooker? It's
true. I was tempted to ask him
if he goes to the Daily Planet
but I couldn't bring myself
around to doing it.

"I played rugby in England
and Australia. I played either
as a front row forward or,
would you believe it, as a hook-
er," said Gaut.

And for all those players and
fans who rib him about his
glasses, he has this to say:

"I bought a new pair the
other week."

But what about that Dennis
Lillee headband?
"Well that came about a
couple of years ago. I used to
take off my glasses when the
ball was out of play and wipe
the sweat off my forehead. A
referee's inspector suggested
to me after a game that I wear
a headband. So I did."

But out intrepid super-ref
fell foul of officialdom.
"I was told that the bright
colored headbands I used to
wear were undignified for a
referee, so now I wear darker
colored ones."

Gaut will receive his 1000th
appointment in Victoria next
year. He's 45, so he has five
years left as a top flight ref
before he either gives it up or
drops down the leagues.

He's not only noted for his
resemblance to Clark Kent or
his unique headband. He also
cuts a dramatic figure when
pointing to the penalty spot or
awarding a free kick. He often
tosses his head back and
plunges his arm out as he whis-
tles for an infringement and
his imposing size usually
means that he doesn't come in
for too much criticism from
players.

Perhaps his on-field antics
come from the days when he
did radio and live drama in
Brisbane.

He was born in Yorkshire
in England and first took an
interest in soccer as a 16 year
old fan of Malden Town in the
Surrey League. Gaut used to
write match reports for the
local paper, so he's often two
sides of the coin when it comes
to discussing the relationship
between the press and the refs.

"The relationship is pretty
fragile right now. I believe
that the press is often over-
critical of things they don't
understand. I know that referees
can alter the course of a
game but players do that too.
All the time. And the press is
far more tolerant of players'
mistakes than it is of referees'
mistakes. I'm convinced that
the referees are at least of the
same standard as the players
in this country, if not
higher."

Gaut came to Australia in
1956 and played soccer for
NSW club Gosford for two
years before moving to Bris-
bane. There he played first
class rugby for Wests but his
playing career ended after 2
seasons and it wasn't until
1967, after watching a few
soccer games, that he decided
to take up refereeing.

"I thought to myself that I
could do a lot better than the
blokes out there in the middle
but when I took up refereeing I
found out that it wasn't as easy
as I had thought."

He refereed his first game
in Brisbane in June, 1967 but
for work reasons, moved to
Melbourne in the Christmas of
1971. His first job as a lines-
man in the Victorian State
League was at the infamous
Croatia V Hakoah match in
1972. Trouble at that game saw
Croatia expelled from the
VSL.

"I've never gone onto the
ground scared. I don't really
know why. Maybe it's because



A threatening gesture from otherwise mild
mannered referee Michael Gaut, complete
with glasses and dark colored headband.

of my size. But I've never
abandoned a game or called it
off due to bad weather.

"The only time I was con-
cerned that things might get
out of hand was at that
Croatia-Hakoah game when
the fans came onto the pitch,
but the Croatia players simply
surrounded us and escorted us
off."

"Some refs worry about
crowd violence. It can be a
problem here, there's no doubt
about it. That's mainly be-
cause so many of our games
are played on paddocks. Take
what happened at a Boro-
nia match recently when there
was trouble. Now, Boro-
nia's the home team and respon-
sible for protecting the referee
but really, what can Boro-
nia do if a group of determined
people decide to take matters
into their own hands?"

Gaut refereed his first Vic-
torian State League game on
May 8, 1977 when Slavia played
Polonia. His biggest games
have been as a linesman at the
National Cup final in Adelaide
in 1979; the 1982 National Cup
final between Heidelberg and
APIA in Melbourne; the
games between Victoria and
New York Cosmos in 1979 and
1982; and the Australia V.
Mexico match in Melbourne in
1980. However, the match he
best remembers is when he
refereed the 1982 Coppa Italia
Cup final between Fawknar
and Bulleen.

"That game was great. It
was a really thrilling match
and the atmosphere was tre-
mendous. I love games with a
bit of atmosphere. It's some-
thing you can get at the highest
level or down in the Provisional
Leagues. But these games
always are the best to officiate
at."

Gaut is an insurance man-
ager for National Mutual and
has two daughters, aged 13 and
18. He hasn't given any thought
to what he'll do when he
reaches 50, the mandatory age
for refs to bow out of the top
level.

"I suppose that up until then
I'll get my share of top games.
I hope so. I'm battling a bit in
Australia what with my size
and my glasses. There's a feel-
ing here that wearing glasses
isn't good for a referee. It's
something I've had to put up
with but when it comes time
for me to either give it away or
drop down the leagues I don't
know what I'll do. I'll cross
that bridge when the time
comes. As long as I keep fit I'll
keep going until I'm 50 at
least."

We had to end the interview
at this point. An urgent tele-
phone call sent Gaut into a
frenzy. He ran out of the office
tearing off his tie, glasses and
dark colored headband and was
last seen diving into a tele-
phone box somewhere in
Lonsdale Street.

I guess a super-ref's work is
never done.

Nations to clash in Adelaide

The SA Soccer Federation has approved a
proposal from Para Hills to conduct a Nations
Cup competition involving eight teams at
various grounds from November 3 to 25.

The eight teams, to compete for charity, will be Australia,
England, Scotland, Ireland, Poland, Italy, Greece and the Rest of
the World.

The stipulation for competitors is that they must be born in the
nominated country or that one of their parents must have origi-
nated from that country.

The organising committee is Sue Cooper, Donal Campbell,
Wally Bozcuk, Geoff Owens, David Jenkins, Glenn Durrant and
Frank Schaper with Derek Rayner as trainer co-ordinator.

at makes di Stefano, Puskas and Katholos

like McEnroe

and Bob Hawke?

know the saying: "Be
about Freddie Boggus.
decides to turn it on,
or the opposition apart
the match single-hand-

decides to turn it on" is the
phrase. But what does it mean?
the "it" Freddie Boggus has
before he can win the match
does?

which, once turned anti-clockwise,
pouring of skill which paralyses de-
stroys Boggus into a Pele in a single

But there is an "it" which players at-
d to have. Something that separates
from good ones, or at least good ones
retenders.

urse, the "it" is not a necessary quality
yers only. "It" is something you either
have.

or instance John McEnroe and Jimmy
only have it, as do most top players in
competitive world of modern profes-

Bob Hawke has it. Malcolm Fraser
Margaret Thatcher has gallons of it.
egin was saturated with it. Even the
back Andrew Peacock has recently
to display some of it.

who possibly had more of it than any of
uhammad Ali.

complex mixture of many things which
lively to be called by a single suitable

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e. Commitment to the team and to vic-
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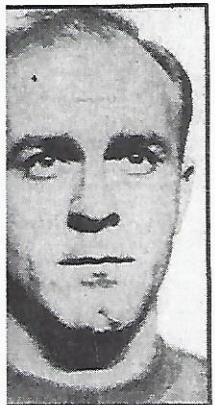
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interminably forward like a brainless
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example.

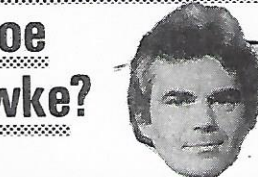
lary Hungarian team of the 1950s, on
nihilate England at Wembley in 1953,
1 sojourn in France where it played a
h against a local railway selection.

rians led 11-0 when, in a moment of
-confidence, the Hungarian defenders
sore to one of the Frenchmen who
sore.

he score 11-1, but Ferenc Puskas,
aptain and resident genius, turned
siders like an enraged bull, calling
very one of them the son of this
hat for having committed such
ity.



fredo di Stefano



LES MURRAY



Peter Katholos (left) and Alan Davidson after a Soccerroo
victory.

Puskas, who had many other qualities which
brought joy to millions, was admired by Hungarians
most for his character. His long career, all of it suc-
cessful, was dependent on it.

The way he, like Muhammad Ali, ran up a
second career at Real Madrid after appearing to
have reached his twilight when his Honved and
Hungary disintegrated in 1956, and where he had
to compete for glory beside the incomparable Al-
fredo di Stefano, was an embodiment of his mar-
vellous psychological make up.

Di Stefano himself was another player with-
out a doubt of character. Eminent British soccer writer
Eric Batty still refers to him as "the last man whom
I would have paid an admission fee to see."

I once accompanied Betty on a jaunt to Meon-
chengelbach in West Germany where the local
Borussia played Real Madrid in a friendly, a friendly
that was merely part of the deal made between the
two clubs for the transfer of Guenther Netzer to Real.

It was an average match where Netzer, at the
time idolised by Batty who thought him to be the
best player in Europe, made one eye-catching
move — a deft little reverse chip into the path of a
Madrid striker — and littered for the rest of the
game.

Netzer's performance, or the lack of it, was a
source of pathological disillusionment for Batty,
who having been brought up on Puskas and di
Stefano, sank into irremediable depression and
became most cheerless company on the journey
back to London.

Netzer to him was no longer a player and
neither, incidentally, was Johann Cruyff
whom Batty considered to be merely a su-
premacist gifted prima donna.

Cruyff, to Batty, was a man who played well only
when he decided to turn it on, which was usually
when the money or the prize, from purely a career
angle, was right.

Batty, I believe was right, for playing well work-
ing your butt off and turning it on for bonuses only
is not character.

Character is pride which Cruyff did not have, or

at least not pride like Puskas or Di Stefano who
would have treated maybe even a Sunday morning
kick-about as a European Cup final.

In our own midst there are plenty of players, and
other soccer men with character because charac-
ter, although it doesn't grow on trees, is thankfully
a fairly common gift which, combined with techni-
cal ability, can make a fine footballer.

Alan Davidson, for instance, can thank the
combination of those two qualities for getting
him where he is now and another vivid
example of how much character matters is
Peter Katholos.

It was the character of Katholos, his instinct for
facing up to adversity and what he would consider
justice, that got him into the Australian squad for
the World Series at a late hour and might squeeze
him back into the squad for the forthcoming tour.

His pride had been hurt and he wasn't about to
cop that lying down.

In fact Katholos's undoubted technical
skills which run parallel with his wonderful
spirits and willingness to fight losing battles,
makes him clearly one of our finest players,
for above being qualified to make our top 40.

The way Frank Arok has overlooked him — al-
though Arok surely had his reasons — is a mystery
indeed.

Mystery and an irony because Frank Arok as a
coach is a towering, raging example of what char-
acter in sport means and it puzzles me no end how
he at least appears to fail to recognise it in Peter
Katholos.

But, as I say, Frank must have his reasons.

In the meantime I for one will continue to enjoy
watching Katholos, and the other Katholosos, on
the park because they, like Puskas and Di Stefano
used to do in that bigger, more illustrious world,
give us value for money with their pride and char-
acter.

• Les Murray hosts Network 0-28's "Match
of the Day" on Sundays, "On The Ball" on
Mondays and Tuesdays, "World Soccer" on
Saturdays and Fridays and "International
Sports Magazine" on Mondays, Wednesdays
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Watch out for the Rockdale midfield

Rockdale Ilinden meets Inter Monaro in the State League Grand Final to be played at Marconi Stadium on Sunday. So far the two sides have met on three occasions. Inter has won at Monaro and Ilinden has taken points at Hurstville Oval. Two weeks ago, a disputed penalty gave Inter Monaro the nod and a direct path into this final.

This match should resolve the issue, or at least help resolve some of the questions raised during the week.

Inter Monaro is heading for the heights of the National League, while Rockdale Ilinden is attempting to prove that it also is of National League standard.



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Manly, for quite a long time one of the contenders for honours, bowed out last Sunday mainly due to some basic faults by its keeper, but even allowing for a good custodian, Manly would have to strengthen its team to really go places.

It was quite a disappointment for Manly Warringah at the Gabbie Stadium last Sunday. After winning the Third Grade on penalties, Manly was set for two more Grand Final places. However, its second grade lost 0-1 to Sutherland and the first team was wiped out 2-5 by Ilinden.

But back to the big match. Following its success over Manly, the side from

Rockdale was in the mood for more. "We are the champions," sang Ilinden's players.

Well, it is nice to be confident, but I feel that Inter, with a week's rest under its belt will be a vastly different proposition than Manly. In Michael Hocking, Inter has a great keeper and its defence has improved greatly since the first part of the season. In the last seven matches in the League Inter conceded only three goals (all in one match against Manly). Six out of those seven matches were won without a goal being conceded.

Ambrosino, Williams, Domazetovic all are very strong players indeed. In its forward line, Inter also is strong. But if there is a chink in its armour its certainly in midfield, where its players are skilful but not exactly fast.



The Manly Warringah outfit which bowed out of the NSW State League Grand Final race last weekend when it lost 5-2 to Rockdale Ilinden.

JONES AND CO. DOWN MANLY

Rockdale 5 Manly 2

Venue: Gabbie
Scorers: Panes 16th, 20th, Risteovski 17th, Jones 26th, D. Wilson 45th, Brown pen, 61st, Slavski 75th.

Referee: M. Louis
Cautions: Pierce, S. Dick.

An avalanche of goals during the first half saw Manly Warringah well in contention but Ilinden added two second half goals to enter the Grand Final, to be played this week at Marconi Stadium.

Manly opened the scoring after Simon Panes rose well at the far post to head home from a cross by Robert Stuart in the 16th. Within a minute, Ilinden replied. Jimmy Risteovski was left in the clear just outside the area and his shot was too hard and too accurate for Nick Conradi.

Three minutes later, Panes latched onto yet another brilliant pass by Stuart to volley past Kotzohambos despite close attention by Darren Wilson and Billy Pilovski.

In the 26th minute the scores were level again. Conradi took too many steps in affecting a clearance and Ilinden was given an indirect free kick about seven metres from goal. The whole of the Manly team

was on the goal line yet Terry Jones managed to squeeze his shot past all of them after a short pass from Karanfilovski.

On the stroke of half time, Ilinden took the lead. A corner kick by Ken Slavski, followed by the simplest of headers by Darren Wilson, and Conradi was beaten again. It appeared that at least one Manly player could have cleared before the ball crossed the goal-line close to the upright.

Panes could have made it 3-3 soon after the interval when he latched onto a ball some 14 metres from goal. His shot, however, did not match his earlier efforts and the ball went high and wide.

Ross Brown was not so benevolent at the other end after John Dick handled and Mr Louis pointed to the spot. Brown took the ensuing penalty kick to send Conradi the wrong way and make it 4-2. The match was still far from over with both sets of players intent on playing a very, open entertaining game and despite its two-goal advantage, Ilinden still was having to fight all the way.

Panes was only metres away from goal as Stuart delivered a neat cross from the right hand side. Panes touched it but it missed the post by inches. Panes had yet another opportunity close to the end

FIRST GRADE

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 5 (Risteovski 17th, Jones 26th, D. Wilson 45th, Brown pen, 61st, Slavski 75th) MANLY WARRINGAH 2 (Panes 16th, 20th) at the Gabbie. Crowd: 406.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambo 8, — Degney 8, Pilovski 9, D. Wilson 7, J. Wilson 7, — Slavski 7, Nasteovski 7, Jones 8, — Risteovski 7, Brown 6, Karanfilovski 6 (Yousiph 75th). MANLY WARRINGAH: Conradi 5, — Pierce 8, J. Dick 7, Barker 6, (Holloway 74th), S. Dick 7, — Jones 7, Steven 6, Leak 6, — Pagano 6, Pans 8, Stuart 8.

SECOND GRADE

SUTHERLAND 1 (Parsons 60th) MANLY WARRINGAH 0 at the Gabbie.

SUTHERLAND: Burroughs, — Foster, Burrow, Lerond, Sellar, — Cox, Cashman, Parsons, — Hughes, Conner, Tasker. MANLY WARRINGAH: Jones, — Scoble, Sargeant, Lynch, Sestonovich, — Davison, Paul Vale, Juergens, — Peter Vale (47th Woodward), Etherington, Fox.

THIRD GRADE

MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Varga 71st) POLONIA 1 (McLean 55th) at the Gabbie. Manly won 5-3 on penalties after extra time.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Bedding, — Theodore, Gonzales, Varga, Melville, — Dennis, McShane, Cimacost, — Annan (Tingle 70th), Larman, Loaghran (Green 68th). POLONIA: Anderson — Jakucki, Main, White, Pelusso, Stoko, Viegas, Fogarty (Kuzmanovic 46th) — Vandenberg, McLean, Chad.

but miskicked. Had he scored from the openings given he could have been the toast of Manly. As it was, despite his two, great, first-half goals, he will rue the misses of the second period. Slavski closed the scoring for the day in the 75th. Wayne

Pearce pulled Terry Jones down outside the box and wide, towards the touch line. Slavski surprised Conradi with his well-measured kick. Conradi failed to see the danger in time and the ball flew over his fingertips and into the far corner of the net.

Great night out for the players

By LES SHORROCK

The players' night of the year, the Victorian Bill Fleming Award dinner, will take place on Friday, October 12 at the City and Overseas Club in Windsor.

The highlight of the evening is the presentation of the Bill Fleming medal, the major award of the Victorian Soccer Press Association.

Bill Fleming was a soccer journalist who worked on the 'Argus' newspaper and when the Argus folded, the old Argus medal, which was inaugurated in 1954, was renamed in Bill's honour.

Since then, many famous Victorian players have won this highest of all Press accolades but probably none ever will approach the record of Tommy Cumming, who won the Medal in the two successive years — 1978 and 1979 — that he also won the Rothman's Medal.

Last year's Bill Fleming Medal was won by Green Gully's Paul Lewis, who also topped the goalscorers' poll.

Lewis is ineligible for this year's Fleming Medal, as he is now playing in the National League, but he will be present as a guest of ASPA, along with all the other previous winners.

Other Press awards to be made on the night will be for the Victorian NSL player

of the year (last year won by Heidelberg's Charlie Yankos), best under-21 player of the year, (Con Opasinis in 1983), coach of the year, (Peter Ollerton, '83) and Victorian Referee of the year, (Chris Bambridge, 1983).

Tickets for the night cost \$24 for an excellent three-course meal including all drinks, or \$45 if you wish to bring your lady-friend (or wife).

The secretaries of all the 22 National and State League clubs have an initial quota of six tickets each, but if any players have difficulty in obtaining a ticket, they should contact either ASPA treasurer Jim Bakatsoulis on 329 6581, Les Shorrock on 527 2808, or Craig MacKenzie on 605 4258 (day).

Attendance is limited to 250. Ticket sales will close on Wednesday, October 10.

No ticket sales will be made at the door, so if you want to take part in the best night of the year, with good food, good grog, a minimum of speeches and no fancy dress, hop in quickly.

Sunicrust Cup

South Melbourne Hellas and Malvern City will contest the final of the 1984 Sunicrust Cup for under-15's at Middle Park on Sunday at 11am.

The Sunicrust Cup is for teams in the under-11 to under-16 age groups. The under-11's, 12's, 13's, 14's and under-16's will kick off their competitions on October 7.

The Sunicrust company has given a \$3,000 for the promotion of junior soccer this year and the month-long Sunicrust Cup competition involves 25 teams.

Let's look at the results of the under-15 competition and find out how Hellas and Malvern reached this Sunday's final.

GROUP A: Caulfield 1 SM-Hellas 4, SM-Hellas 1 Malvern 1, Malvern 4 Caulfield 0.

GROUP B: South Oakleigh 2 Northcote 2, Northcote 2 Sandringham 0, Sandringham 1 South Oakleigh 4.

SEMI-FINALS: Malvern 1 Northcote 0, SM-Hellas 2 South Oakleigh 1 after extra time.

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4. The date of the game.

"Hat-trick heroes", will have their names published in "Soccer Action" every week.

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This week's hat-trick heroes:

Darren Harrison, 7, five goals (Sandringham City); Shane Edwards, 10 (Sunderbury United); David Spence (Karingal United); Bradley Main, 11 (Doncaster Rovers); Robert Cibalevski, four goals (Preston Makedonia); Adrian Halls, 13 (Croydon City); Jason McAuliffe, Danny Saba, Ivan Rack (Hamlyn Rangers); Z. Sesar, 11, A. Skoko, 11, four goals, S. Baljak, 11, five goals, F. Magdic, 11, four goals (North Geelong); Craig Entwistle, 8, four goals, Matthew Patience, 7, Brad Langford, 13, Wayne Fisher, 15 (Frankston Pines); Kenneth Clayton, Josie Love, Stewart Preston, David Ruygrok (Monbulk); David Mozinga, 13, five goals (Croydon); Steven Spiteri, 11, five goals, Chris Caruana, 11 (Altona City).

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Melbourne Hellas): The most experienced of the right-back candidates, having already played four games for Australia in 1979, against the New York Cosmos, and in China against Peking and Tianjin and the Taipei City Bank team in Taiwan. He was named Australian Player of the Year while with Adelaide City Juventus in 1981, and previously played for Sydney Croatia.

He's very tough, hard to get past, can cross a good ball and also can play as stopper, as he often has with Hellas.

VIC BOZANIC (APIA): A member of the West Adelaide Hellas team that won the 1978 NSL championship and later with Marconi, before joining APIA this year. Played for Australia at full back and in midfield during the 1980 Oceania Cup tournament in New Caledonia, and scored a goal as the Socceroos beat Tahiti 4-2 in the final. Other players in that team included: Alan Davidson, Arno Berlogna, Steve Blair, George Christopoulos, Yanko Banovic, Paul Kay, Theo Selemidis and Eddie Krncevic — certainly a star-studded line-up. Bozanic has everything — he's strong,

tall, fast, skilful, tireless and he's got a hell of a shot. I reckon he's been overlooked for too long.

DAVID SKEEN (St George Budapest): His career this year was interrupted by injuries, but he's certainly served an impressive Soccerro apprenticeship. He played in the 1980 Israeli Winter Youth Tournament against Israel (in midfield) and, on the same trip, in friendly matches against Hapoel, Israel and Hapoel Haifa. In 1981 he was sweeper in the youth team that beat New Caledonia 2-1 in Noumea. A real terrier, he defends soundly and gets himself involved all the way when the team goes forward.

PAUL CARTER (Marconi): formerly with APIA, he surprisingly hasn't represented Australia at any level, but he's risen to prominence in the past few years with his calm, composed play at the back and his aggression going forward.

IAN MCKIE (Heidelberg-Alexander): Joined Heidelberg from West Adelaide Hellas early last year and was in the national youth squad a few years ago, without actually playing a match. A terrier

ready played in two England Under-13 games. Johnson is now in dispute with crack club Liverpool and there have been rumours of his transfer. He was ordered back weeks ago but refused, saying he wanted the Johnson's first child born in Australia.

Baby Johnson is officially due in mid-October.

— PETER WINDSOR

Johnston at Canberra

Arguably Australia's greatest ever player, Liverpool's Craig Johnson, will be the guest speaker at the next Canberra Arrows VIP club dinner on October 3.

And it is expected to attract one of the biggest crowds of 1985.

Johnson has said he will willingly field questions from the floor — and talk about his great ambition to still somehow wear the green and gold for Australia.

This, however, Australian soccer officials maintain, is impossible as Johnson has al-

ready played in two England Under-13 games.

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opoulous back as sweeper, Canberra Arrows have won five straight games, which indicates just how valuable he is to the team.

In fact, if Canberra realises its ambition of qualifying for the finals, much of the credit must go to Christopoulos, who returned recently from Greece where he was playing for AEK Athens.

Canberra has some great young players — Frank Farina, Alan Reis, John Mihalidis and Marko Perinovic who looks a top prospect but the team lacks a bit in experience and that's one prob-

lem coach Doug Collins hopes to solve next season.

However, Christopoulos says he wants to play in Melbourne next year and Heidelberg already has indicated it wants to buy him, so Collins may have to find a replacement for the tall utility star who can play in midfield equally as well as he does as sweeper.

Certainly Canberra needs Christopoulos's experience to guide the younger players in defence, just like Tommy Sermanni and Ian Gibson help guide the younger midfielders and forwards.

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Frankton Pines 2 Western Suburbs 1.
Broadmeadows 3 Ringwood City 2.
Albion Rovers 0 Morwell Falcons 0.
Merrymong 2 Knox City 3, reserves 2-1.
Doveton 1 St Albans 2. Box Hill 1.
Fawkner 3, 8-1, Clayton City 1 North-
cote City 2, 2-2.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE
Endeavour Hills 2 Latrobe Uni 3, 6-1.
Chadstone 3 Macabali 4, 0-1, Dunderoo 0
Meadow Park 10, 2-2, Bayside City 3
Melbourne Uni 0, 3-0, Balclutha 0 Nth
Melbourne 1, 2-2, Ascot St Marks 0
Waverley Uni 2, 1-2.

DIVISION TWO

Old Scotch 2 Phillip Inst 1, 2-0, North-
ern Sub 5 N.M.L.T. 1, 2-2, Knox Uni 0
Vermont 4, 3-1, Eagles Uni 1 West Uni
1, 2-3, Concord 2 West Meadows
10, 1-7.

DIVISION THREE

Diggers Rest 3 East Richmond 2, 5-4.
Brimston 0 Ringwood Rovers 4, 5-1, Mel-
bourne Uni 0 Yarra United 0, 3-1, Colling-
wood City 0, 1-1.

STATE LEAGUE

RESERVES
Marilynong 17 3 73 10 40
Box Hill 12 8 62 34 38
Morwell Falcs 13 7 58 28 33
Croydon 13 7 58 38 33
Fawkner 15 2 60 40 32
Knox City 12 4 10 58 38
Knox City 11 4 10 47 48 28
Frank Pines 10 4 11 38 45 23
Broadmeadows 10 3 12 41 56 23
Northcote 8 7 12 48 31 19
Northern Rovers 6 12 32 54 10
St Albans 5 15 28 47 15
Western Suburbs 5 15 39 74 15
Doveton 4 18 29 83 12

AMATEUR LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE
Waverley Uni 18 3 57 19 35
Bayside City 14 2 63 35 32
Salisbury 11 8 58 38 33
Ascot St Marks 12 4 65 30 38
Meadow Park 11 5 64 31 27
Macabali 12 3 68 40 32
Chadstone 10 2 10 42 41 22
Latrobe Uni 10 1 15 48 41 21
Melbourne Uni 9 12 40 48 18
Endeavour Hills 6 3 13 45 55 14
Dunderoo 8 6 22 17 108 0

RESERVES

Macabali 14 4 50 25 32
Waverley Uni 14 2 63 35 30
Salisbury 12 7 54 34 38
Bayside City 9 8 47 15 27
Endeavour Hills 11 7 48 35 28
Ascot St Marks 11 4 7 37 34 28
Latrobe Uni 9 5 8 45 37 23
Melbourne Uni 8 3 11 48 45 19
Chadstone 6 4 12 42 62 18
Dunderoo 5 3 14 38 73 13
Nth Melbourne 3 12 22 51 12
Meadow Park 4 14 23 62 12

DIVISION TWO

Vermont 18 1 86 21 37
West Meadows 15 4 1 88 28 38
Eagles Uni 9 5 55 35 33
Old Scotch 11 1 8 48 41 23
Northern Sub 10 2 8 47 52 28
West Uni 8 6 7 25 28 18
West Uni 8 6 7 25 28 18
Sib Springvale 3 8 8 27 33 14
Phillip Inst 6 3 8 30 38 13
Knox Uni 4 3 13 41 81 10
R.M.I.T. 4 2 13 28 80 10
Concord 1 4 13 29 77 6

RESERVES

West Uni 16 1 3 88 23 33
Eagles Uni 12 5 2 58 28 38
West Meadows 10 3 7 41 43 23
Vermont 7 8 5 40 32 22
Sib Springvale 10 8 3 36 34 20
Old Scotch 8 4 8 36 34 20
Northern Sub 8 3 8 41 47 19
Knox Uni 6 3 10 32 38 15
Phillip Inst 6 3 11 34 38 14
Concord 4 1 14 29 64 8
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DIVISION THREE

Melbourne Uni 16 1 1 88 17 33
Lalor 12 0 7 54 42 24
Ringwood Rovers 9 4 4 54 23 22

SCORES, LADDERS

Collingwood City	10	2	5	41	33	22	
Brimston	8	1	7	48	37	18	
Diggers Rest	8	4	8	34	38	18	
Yarra United	5	6	7	38	60	16	
Collingwood	4	5	9	37	50	13	
Lalor City	11	2	12	26	21	8	
East Richmond	1	3	14	27	71	5	
RESERVES							
Brimston	14	2	1	58	23	30	
Collingwood City	11	3	4	60	28	25	
Lalor	11	2	3	57	28	24	
Melbourne Uni	10	4	4	47	28	24	
Lalor City	11	2	4	43	24	24	
Ringwood Rovers	5	3	9	38	48	13	
Diggers Rest	5	2	11	36	59	12	
Yarra United	4	2	12	34	54	10	
Collingwood	3	2	12	22	48	8	
East Richmond	2	1	15	22	75	5	
METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CUP							
Quarter-finals: Karingal 1 Waverley City 2, North Dandenong 1 S.M. Marcellino 1, Springvale United 1 Melbourne 2, Sunbury 2 Lalor United 0							
PROVISIONAL							
Quarter-finals: Bernicia 7 Mossfield Rangers 0, Clarinda 4 Pascoe Vale 1, Fitzroy City 0 Seaford United 7, Port United 3 Ballarat 5 after extra time							
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE							
Division 1: Lecco Holdings 3 Glenroy Dons Uni 5, Reserves 10-1, Mako Holdings 3 Scoreway United 4, 3-3, Middle Park 1 Asnett 0, 1-0, St Albans Dynamos 4 Albion Rovers 3, 1-0, T.A.A. 4 Dunderoo 5, 4-1.							
Division 2: Miron 2 A.N.Z. Bank 2, 0-0, Waverley Rovers 8 Fibremakers Uni 3, 4-1, Waverley Uni 0 Oakleigh City 1, 5-0, Waverley Wander 2 Apollo United 5, 0-0, Whitlessa 2 Albion Rovers 6, 1-3.							
Division 3: East Richmond 9 Essendon Metro 0, Taxation United 0 Ferris United 6, The Age 1 De La Salle 3, Varsity Board 2 Bowerston Scott 2.							
Division 3 West: Alh. Nth Tazman 5 Footscray Stars 1, Albion Rovers 1 Highpoint 1, Albion Rovers 0 Dallas United 1, L.E.T.S. 0 Footscray United 1, Northcote United 0 St Albans Wander 4, Division 4 East: Asnett 0 Selousian Col 0, P. P. Dandenong 2 Intercity 0, 7, Delaney's Park 3 RAAF Froggall 2, Swinburn 2, Dons Bosco 0, Young Pioneers 7, Jolmont 1, 0-1.							
Division 4 West: Northern Cross 2 Essendon Trams 3, RAAF Academy 0 West Footscray 1, St Bernard's O.C. 5 Jim Engineering 3, Sunbury 4 L.E.T.S. 0							
DIV. 1							
Lecco Holdings	12	5	1	48	19	28	
Middle Park	10	3	5	34	22	23	
Asnett	8	2	7	35	33	20	
Albion Rovers	8	2	8	31	28	18	
St Albans Dynamos	8	5	22	20	18		
Mako Holdings	8	3	8	42	18		
Glenroy Dons Uni	6	3	9	32	42	15	
T.A.A.	4	5	3	42	14		
Booth Dynamos	2	10	34	47	14		
Scoreway United	4	3	11	42	11		
RESERVES							
Lecco Holdings	16	2	0	81	11	34	
Albion Rovers	14	2	8	89	13	30	
St Albans Dynamos	11	7	37	43	21		
Middle Park	9	2	41	31	20		
Glenroy Dons Uni	6	4	8	47	16		
T.A.A.	7	2	8	42	17		
Booth Dynamos	4	4	10	24	10		
Mako Holdings	4	3	11	24	11		
Asnett	3	3	15	24	72	6	
DIV. 2							
Albion Rovers	13	3	2	58	23	28	
Riverdale	12	3	5	30	38		
Apollo United	13	0	5	48	24	26	
Rowville United	8	4	8	38	31	20	
A.N.Z. Bank	8	4	6	44	40	20	
Waverley Wander	8	6	5	32	28	18	
DIV. 3							
Whitlessa	8	3	8	28	41	15	
Fibremakers Uni	4	3	11	24	51	11	
Miron	1	6	11	28	50	8	
RESERVES							
Apollo United	13	3	2	61	21	28	
Rowville United	14	1	3	56	24	28	
Riverdale	12	3	3	51	22	27	
Albion Rovers	13	0	5	32	20	28	
Whitlessa	8	3	5	48	33	18	
Fibremakers Uni	4	9	24	33	14		
Waverley Wander	7	0	11	15	31	14	
Whitlessa	3	4	11	47	16		
Oakleigh City	3	4	11	47	16		
Miron	1	1	16	41	3		
DIV. 3 EAST							
Ferris United	10	3	3	51	18	23	
Intercity	8	4	5	32	28	21	
Essendon Metro	8	3	4	37	33	21	
Vary Bous 1	8	3	5	44	33	18	
Bowerston Scott	7	3	3	30	29	17	
De La Salle	7	3	3	34	34	17	
Taxation United	5	5	5	21	33	15	
Seaford United	3	4	8	31	41	10	
The Age	0	1	15	11	84	1	
DIV. 3 WEST							
St Albans Wander	16	2	5	68	18	31	
Alh. Nth Tazman	13	4	4	47	17	30	
Footscray United	9	2	7	34	35	20	
Albion Rovers	7	5	28	28	19		
Highpoint	7	8	37	27	17		
Northcote United	6	4	8	36	48	16	
Albion Rovers	5	5	20	32	15		
Dallas United	7	0	11	34	17		
Lecco Holdings	6	1	11	22	38	12	
Footscray Stars	2	2	14	17	52	8	
DIV. 4 EAST							
Dons Bosco	16	2	1	68	20	34	
Young Pioneers	15	1	2	68	20	34	
Swinburn	11	3	4	58	38	25	
Jolmont	8	2	8	55	43	18	
Lecco Holdings	8	2	8	48	47	18	
RAAF Froggall	6	5	7	35	38	17	
Intercity	8	3	9	32	42	15	
Delaney's Park	3	1	13	25	58	8	
Salisbury Col 'B'	3	1	13	22	74	1	
Asnett	2	1	14	19	58	5	
DIV. 4 WEST							
West Footscray	13	2	1	62	20	28	
Jim Engineering	11	2	3	59	25	24	
Essendon Trams	10	4	2	39	24	24	
Sunbury	5	3	8	15	24	13	
Northern Cross	3	4	8	28	41	10	
RAAF Academy	2	10	10	47	10		
St Bernard's O.C.	2	10	31	47	10		
L.E.T.S. 'B'	3	2	11	19	62	8	
VIC. AMATEUR ASSOCIATION							
DIVISION ONE: Burnley Gas Cor v Keilor Lake 1-5, Chelton Club v Warrburton 3-2, Preston Foghies v Dandy Olympic 2-0, Asyrian Eagles v Westall 1-0, Albion Eagles v Camberwell 0-2.							
DIVISION ONE LADDER							
Preston Foghies	15	3	1	54	22	31	
Westall Timor	12	3	4	46	21	28	
Chelton Club	13	4	2	45	42	28	
Asyrian Eagles	15	5	1	64	28	27	
Chelton Club	11	4	8	40	26	28	
Albion Eagles	9	6	4	60	51	22	
Northern United	11	3	4	32	37	18	
Keilor Lake	5	13	1	33	63	11	
Camberwell O.B.	4	13	2	39	82	10	
Dandy Olympic	4	15	0	18	52	8	
Burnley Gas Cor	1	18	1	32	106	3	
DIVISION TWO: Burnley Gas Cor v Keilor Lake 0-2, Chelton Club v Coburg Stars 1-4, Preston Foghies v Dandy Olympic 0-2, Asyrian Eagles v Westall Timor 2-3, Albion Eagles v Camberwell O.B. 2-0.							
DIVISION TWO LADDER							
Birmingham	17	0	1	88	22	35	
Asyrian Eagles	12	5	2	59	30	28	
Preston Foghies	11	6	2	42	24	24	
Rowville United	8	4	8	38	31	20	
East Albion	10	6	3	63	31	23	
Albion Eagles	10	7	2	70	59	22	
Coburg Stars	8	10	1	39	45	17	
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE							
Tottenham	4	2	16	7	13		
Arnsall	4	1	2	15	9	13	
Notts Forest	4	1	2	14	8	13	
Manch United	2	5	12	4	4		
Sheff Wed	3	2	13	11	11		
Everton	3	2	8	8	11		
West Ham	3	2	8	8	11		
Liverpool	2	1	12	10	10		
Newcastle	3	1	15	10	18		
Aston Villa	3	1	11	15	10		
Chelsea	2	3	8	7	9		
QPR	2	3	1	13	9		
Sunderland	2	3	7	7	9		
Liverpool	2	2	11	12	8		
Wolves	2	2	10	11	8		
Leicester	1	5	1	8	8		
Southampton	1	3	9	12	8		
Luton	1	3	6	11	6		
Coventry	1	2	4	8	5		
Sheff Wed	1	2	3	8	2		
Walsford	0	4	3	15	4		
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO							
Birmingham	5	0	1	12	3	18	
Oxford	5	1	0	15	6	16	
Blackburn	4	2	1	16	7	14	
Portsmouth	4	2	0	7	1	14	
Charlton	4	2	0	7	1	14	
Sheff Wed	4	2	0	7	1	14	
Walsford	4	2	0	7	1	14	
Brighton	4	2	0	7	1	14	

Both teams won match!

I received a phone call last Thursday evening. The caller didn't identify himself. He simply told me that his son plays for Essendon Tramways in the Industrial League Division Four West and he had "a hell of a story" to tell.

The caller said that about four weeks ago, Essendon Trams played JIM Engineering in a game crucial to the promotion prospects of both clubs.

"The official referee didn't turn up and as it was a home game for JIM Engineering they supplied the ref," said the caller.

"The score at half time was 1-0 to JIM Engineering. A guy turned up who we (Essendon Trams) knew could referee the game and he took over for the second half. We won 2-1 but when the score was recorded with the Industrial League it was recorded as being a 4-2 win for JIM Engineering. We couldn't believe it. We tried everything to change it but got nowhere. It's incredible," said the caller.

I ended the conversation at this point by telling the caller that I would get in touch with Industrial League secretary Ron Darlington to find out more about the matter. I did, later that night. The conversation went like this:

MACKENZIE: Hello Ron, it's Craig MacKenzie here from Soccer Action. Your wife, Molly, probably told you that I'd rang earlier about the Essendon Trams and JIM Engineering story. Before we go any further, is it possible for you to give me the phone numbers of the secretaries of these clubs?

DARLINGTON: No, it's not. I'm sorry, but it's official league policy that we don't hand out phone numbers of club officials.

MACKENZIE: You're not serious are you?

DARLINGTON: Yes, it's league policy. But if you want me to comment on the matter, I will.

MACKENZIE: Okay, what can you tell me?

DARLINGTON: Well, the official referee didn't turn up for the game in question but the game, nevertheless, was played and a score reported to us. Essendon later claimed that the score was incorrect and although, under our constitution, they didn't lodge an official complaint in the correct manner, our investigation committee investigated the matter. That committee gave both clubs ample time to state their respective cases then decided that the 4-2 result should stand. The investigation committee's recommendations were passed onto the league management committee which decided that the recommendations should be upheld. And that's the end of the matter.

MACKENZIE: Okay, Ron. But back to this policy of not giving out phone numbers of club officials. What would happen if I rang you and said that my newspaper wanted to do a major feature on one of your clubs? And then you turned around and said that you couldn't give out any phone numbers to me. Do you call that helping your league to get good publicity?

DARLINGTON: Yes, I take your point on that matter. I'll bring it up at the next management committee meeting.

Our conversation ended there. I'd like nothing better than to use this paper to allow officials of both Essendon Trams and JIM Engineering to state their respective cases. This certainly is a curious story and one which bears further investigation.

By
**CRAIG
MACKENZIE**



Sunshine George Cross, from left, standing: Ian Pitt, Bobby Toal, Slobodan Jovanovic, Tom Costello, Steve Scerri, Mick McGorian, Don Maclaren, Billy Wilkinson (coach), Alf Zahra (president). Front: Jeff Faulkner, Ossie Latif, Sam Deluca, Roger Bain, Gerry Bennett, Chris Taylor. Picture: CARLOS PICASSO.

CLEAR-OUT AT CROSS?

Most of the Sunshine-George Cross players will be offered for sale unless the club succeeds in an application for 1985 NSL membership.

So says club president Alf Zahra.

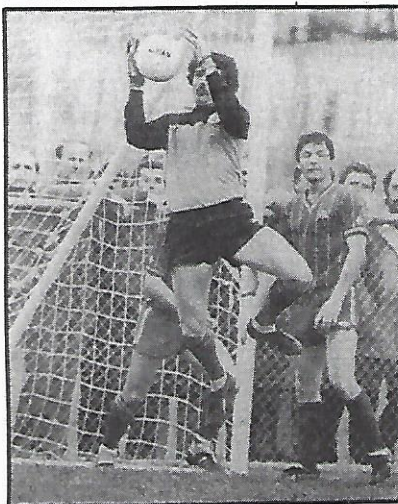
"We will apply to stay in the league, although we've been relegated, and we've been told our application will be considered along with that of Morwell Falcons, the promoted team," Zahra said.

"But we've already told the players that

most of them will be sold if we have to go down to the State League. Instead, we'll have to concentrate on running a younger, cheaper team."

Those likely to attract the most offers are striker Ossie Latif, formerly of Melbourne Croatia and Keilor-Austria; midfielder Jeff Faulkner, previously with Croatia and Madeonia and midfielders Don Maclaren (ex-Canberra) and Slobodan Jovanovic (ex-J.U.S.T.).

George Cross is relegated after spending a lot of money on building a new team and on enlarging its club-rooms. New dressing rooms also will be built soon.



Tom Costello under siege. At right is Gerry Bennett.

Costello quits over abuse from fans

Goalkeeper Tom Costello quit Sunshine-George Cross last week over incidents at the game against Canberra.

"We lost 4-1 and fair enough, I didn't have a good game, but there was no excuse for what the fans were yelling out at me."

"They were yelling out obscenities, defaming my family, and some of them were pushing my wife about," Costello said.

"Nobody would take that sort of treatment, so I called them a few things back."

"I don't mind people criticising my performance but when it comes to have your family defamed and your wife pushed around, I want no part of it."

George Cross bought Costello from State League club Albion Rovers for only \$700 early this year. He made a sensational NSL debut in a 1-0 victory against Hellas, during which he saved a penalty.

Because George Cross suspended its other senior goalkeeper, Alan Contini recently, the club is left with only two teenage goalkeepers — Paul Tomkinson, 17, and Mathew van Santvoort, 16.



JANETTE MELVIN: an experienced player and coach who represented Victoria from 1974 to 1982. She has been a successful coach at Greensborough for the past three years and in 1982 was the Victorian under-15 coach. She holds the Level Two coaching qualification and is in the process of obtaining her Level Three award.



ANDREA MARTIN: is 25 years old and has an impressive record as a State and Australian player. She has represented Victoria every year except one since 1974 and represented Australia in 1983. She plays as a defender for Nunawading.



TRACY SINGLETON: plays in midfield for Box Hill. She represented Victoria in three previous years and played for Australia in New Zealand in 1981. Tracy is 22 years old and works for Australia Post.



KATE WARREN-SMITH: has been playing soccer for five years. A determined defender or midfielder, she plays for Dandenong City. Kate is 18 years old and works as a pre-school assistant. Her other sporting interests are cricket and basketball.



JANE OAKLEY: is 18 years old and plays on the forward line for North Dandenong. She represented Victoria in 1982 and has many other sporting interests including tennis, squash and cross-country running. Jane is an apprentice chef.



THERESA JONES: is 21 years old and is goalkeeper and coach for Dandenong City. She has represented Victoria in six previous years and represented Australia in Hawaii and Noumea in 1983 and has been selected for the China tour later this year. Theresa also plays "A" grade netball and works as a courier.

5 Vic. girls in national squads

The Victorian women's team put in an improved performance at this year's national women's championships held in Canberra from August 27 to September 7.

Nine state teams competed in the titles and the Victorian team finished fourth, with five wins, one draw and two losses.

The championship was taken out by South Queensland with 13 points, ahead of South Australia on goal difference, followed by New South Wales

on 12 points, then Victoria on 11 points.

Victoria finished seventh at last year's titles and its previous best performance was at the 1979 championships held in Darwin where it took out the runners-up trophy.

After the first week's games in this year's championships Victoria was the favourite to take out the title with five straight wins to its credit. However, its winning streak was cut short in the sixth game, played against South Australia, which won the match 1-0 with a penalty in the last 10 minutes of the game. Victoria tried everything to force a draw but scored

ing attempts from Jane Oakley and Debbie Nichols didn't find the net.

The final match for Victoria was against NSW, last year's champion, and the Victorian side showed a lot of skill and determination to gain a 1-1 draw. The Victorian squad's youngest player, 15-year-old Nicole Holding, played her first full game as goalkeeper, pulling off some spectacular saves.

The top goalscorer at the championships was Victoria's Jane Oakley who scored seven goals.

Victoria's first goalkeeper, Theresa Jones, who played

with the Australian team in the Oceania Cup played in New Caledonia last year, was selected in the Australian squad to tour China later this year. A second Australian squad will be playing in Taiwan, and five Victorian players were selected by national coach Jim Selby for the training squad. They are Theresa Jones (Dandenong City), Andrea Martin (Nunawading), Tracy Singleton (Box Hill), Jane Oakley (North Dandenong), and Kate Warren-Smith (Dandenong City).

In addition, Nicole Holding was named as an Australian player of the future.

Selby's 20-member national squad to represent Australia in the world women's tournament in Taiwan in December is of a provisional nature and includes none of the players picked in the national squad to tour China in October and November. That's because Selby reckons that few, if any, of the team for the China tour will be able to afford the time and money to make both trips. However, those who can make both trips, provided they play well in China, will be seriously considered for the Taiwan tour.

The provisional squad for the world titles in Taiwan is:

GOALKEEPERS: Debra Bonshore (Northern NSW), Denise Lofthouse (WA).

DEFENDERS: Andrea Martin (Victoria), Karen Menzies (Northern NSW), Kim Dunlop (O'land), Mandy Langlar (NSW), Judy Esmond (WA), Lyn Baker (SA).

MIDFIELDERS: Cameron (ACT), Barbara Webster (Northern NSW), Margaret Petrov (NSW), Tracy Singleton (Victoria), Sarah Baker (SA), Kate Warren-Smith (Victoria), Arlene Moncreiff (SA).

FORWARDS: Jane Oakley (Victoria), Tracy Jenkins (Victoria), Murray (ACT), Lisa Dunne (Northern NSW), Carol Vinson (NSW).

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Siamo ormai in pieno clima di fine stagione con alcuni campionati appena conclusi e con la Lega Nazionale alle ultime battute; e' tempo quindi di competizioni di Coppa e di finali, di delusioni, di trionfi di possibilita' di rivincita, di conferme e di consolazioni.

Nella Lega Metropolitana e Provisionale del Victoria le squadre italiane si sono coperte di gloria. Nella prima divisione il Thomastown ha perso il visto mantenere il tenus vantaggio di un punto sullo Springvale per quasi tutto il girone di ritorno, sfortunatamente per i rossoneri di Wilson e D'Amico l'ultima partita dell'anno era fatale: un malaugurato pareggio permetteva ai greci dello Springvale di portarsi a pari punti e vincere il campionato grazie ad una differenza reti di poco migliore.

L'amarazza di aver perso lo scudetto proprio all'ultima battuta e per uno scarto così insignificante, puo' comunque essere mitigata dalla promozione in Lega Statale, da un'ottima annata anche in campo sociale-amministrativo e dall'aver visto la definitiva affermazione di un drappello di giovani giocatori che continueranno a fare onore alle casacche rossonere anche nella divisione superiore.

Nelle prossime settimane il Thomastown avra' una serie di importanti eventi sociali e l'assemblea generale: sabato 29 settembre, nella sede di Partridge Reserve, ci sara' un barbecue in occasione del congresso dei voti per i migliori tre giocatori dell'anno e l'assegnazione del "Peter Balson Trophy" (\$8 adulti, \$5 ragazzi — prenotazioni Silvio Gladio 465 0953); lunedì sera 8 ottobre, ancora nella sede, assemblea generale con inizio alle 7.30 precise, quindi cena danzante annuale con la premiazione dei giocatori sabato 20 ottobre alla George Cross Reception, Albion Street, Brunswick (\$22 non soci, \$21 soci e \$18 ragazzi — prenotazioni Silvio Gladio 465 0953).

Nella terza divisione la Triestina ha finito il campionato in terza posizione, a soli due punti dalla promozione, e puo' essere piu' che soddisfatto di un tale risultato dopo il vacillamento di meta' campionato.

Nella stessa divisione il Bulleen e' finito quinto, un risultato strabiliante per i ragazzi del Veneto Club se si considera che l'anno scorso hanno fatto il salto di due divisioni. Il club ha avuto la sua serata di premiazione recentemente ed il giovane Vittorio Salvatore ha ricevuto il trofeo di "Best and Fairest" oltre che a vincere a n e b e q u e l l o d i capocannoniere con 19 reti; dietro "Vittorino" il miglior giocatore della squadra veneta e' risultato il veterano ex juventino Franco Barbieri che continua ad ignorare il passare delle primavere.

Nella quarta divisione l'East Brunswick Abruzzo e' finito al quarto posto dopo un campionato costellato di alterni risultati che hanno rivelato una certa scontinuita' di rendimento. Ma se nell'ultima giornata e' riuscita a battere la fortissima capolista Yarraville e' segno che la compagine dell'Abruzzo ha stoffa e potenziale per poter ben sperare in miglior fortuna nel futuro.

Nella seconda divisione della Lega Provisionale il Regent ha mancato il secondo posto, e la promozione, per un soffio. Comunque la terza posizione e' un ottimo risultato specialmente se messo in relazione al fatto che le riserve sono finite prime in classifica. Anche qui un po' di fortuna in piu' non avrebbe guastato e la promozione sarebbe stato giusto premio al grande lavoro svolto dal comitato di Tony Scalia. Sabato prossimo il club avra' un barbecue nella sala

del Lalor Youth Club, in Landra Avenue, dalle 6.30 pm. (prenotazioni: 484.6109, 460.6274).

Trionfo pieno nella terza divisione con il Dallas McLeod che ha vinto brillantemente il campionato sotto la guida dell'ex juventino e nazionale U/23 Fausto Tarquinio.

Anche nella quarta divisione della Lega Provisionale un'altra squadra italiana ha vinto campionato e promozione, il Westall Inter che da alcuni anni ormai porta con molto onore la bandiera del calcio italiano nella zona di Clayton e che certamente e' destinato ad un roseo futuro. Il club avra' la sua cena danzante annuale e premiazione dei giocatori sabato 13 ottobre nella Springvale Town Hall (\$25 e \$20, prenotazioni John Ruffolo 544.8848, Franco Fata 544.2310).

Nella stessa divisione si e' comportato egregiamente il Batman Lazio che ha concluso a meta' classifica e che il prossimo anno potrebbe andare molto meglio specialmente se alcuni progetti a livello amministrativo potranno avverarsi e dare così al club una base molto piu' solida.

LEGA STATALE

La Lega Statale del Victoria quest'anno si e' letteralmente tinta di azzurro con gli azzurri di Morwell laureatesi campioni e gli azzurri di Fawknor finiti al terzo posto, quest'anno i firmi sono stati i grandi favori per la vittoria di campionato durante la maggior parte dell'anno ma sono calati inaspettatamente verso la fine della stagione.

Per il Morwell si e' trattato di un grosso risultato considerando le difficoltà che un club di provincia ha nel com-

petere in un campionato per 13/14 accentrato a Melbourne. La vittoria in campo va a tutto onore dell'allenatore Jimmy Dunne (al suo primo anno come tecnico dopo una brillante carriera come giocatore), ma in definitiva si tratta di una vittoria costruita dalla insuperabile organizzazione amministrativa del club sotto la presidenza di Don Di Fabbizio.

Purtroppo per il Morwell, e per il calcio in generale, sembra che Don Di Fabbizio abbia deciso di lasciare la carica di presidente alla fine dell'anno. Naturalmente e' comprensibilissimo che Don voglia concedersi un periodo di riposo dalle enormi pressioni amministrative di un club che egli ha portato da una squadra che giocava su un campo comunale ad una squadra campione statale che vanta in proprio il meglio complesso, campo-sede del Victoria. Qualunque sara' la decisione finale di Don Di Fabbizio, egli avra' un posto di assoluta preminenza non solo nella storia del Morwell ma anche in quella del calcio nel Victoria. A nome di tutti gli amanti dello sport, cogliamo questa occasione per ringraziare Don Di Fabbizio, grande presidente e perfetto gentiluomo e sportivo, per il suo immenso contributo al calcio in Victoria.

A casa del Fawknor e' naturale che ci si sia stati a naturale delusione per la mancata vittoria di campionato. Ma la stagione potrebbe ancora riservare grosse soddisfazioni alla squadra di Greg Schipano che domenica scorsa, nell'ultima di campionato, e' tornata a funzionare come un orologio macinando il forte Box Hill fuori casa per 3-1.

Domenica prossima, sul campo di casa di Jukes Road, il Fawknor si misurera' contro il Morwell nella semifinale della Top Four Cup e potrebbe benissimo spuntarla considerando che nelle ultime settimane i Falcon hanno cominciato ad accusare un certo logorio dopo la tirata volata per aggiudicarsi lo scudetto. La partita avra' inizio alle 3 pm., preceduta dall'altra semifinale fra Polonia e Box Hill.

Oltre alla possibilita' di rifarsi nella Top Four Cup, il Fawknor puo' ancora guardare con fiducia ad altre affermazioni nella Dockerty Cup e nella Coppa Italia. Ma forse l'aspetto piu' positivo della stagione 1984 per la squadra italiana va ricercato nel fatto che quest'anno ha segnato la definitiva affermazione di tanti giovani ottimi giocatori italiani, sia nella prima squadra che nella formazione cadetta. Il club ha percio' un inesauribile serbatoio di talenti che continueranno a mantenere il Fawknor al vertice del calcio statale.

COPPA ITALIA

La Coppa Italia, quest'anno alla ottava edizione, sara' giocata sul campo del Fawknor da martedì 16 ottobre. A causa di altri tornei della Federazione non e' stato possibile disputare le partite di qualificazione alle semifinali di domenica, percio' gli incontri saranno disputati il martedì sera e il sabato pomeriggio. Questa settimana si stanno svolgendo le partite di spareggio per decidere le ultime quattro squadre che saranno ammesse ai quattro gironi che per ora sono così composti:

Girone A: Fawknor, Dallas City e Carrum United. Girone B: Werribee, Veneto Bulleen, Batman Lazio. Girone C: E Brunswick Abruzzo, Triestina, Westall, Gironi D: Thomastown, Juventus, Veron.

E' quasi scontato che la Juventus fara' scendere in campo la sua squadra giovanile poiche' i titolari della squadra di Lega Nazionale non potrebbero continuare a giocare dopo una stagione così lunga ed in ogni caso non sarebbe nemmeno giusto che il club andasse a rischiare altri inevitabili costosi infortuni in partite tiratissime con squadre di divisioni inferiori che ce la metterebbero tutta per vivere la loro giornata da leoni.

La squadra giovanile della Juventus e' invece di un livello agonistico e tecnico molto piu' consono con la competizione della Coppa Italia e avrebbe un'occasione ideale di farsi le ossa in un torneo veramente impegnativo.

Appena completate tutte le partite di spareggio per il quarto posto in ogni girone, sara' preparato il calendario della competizione che in ogni caso si annuncia molto interessante e combattuta poiche' mai come quest'anno ci sono state tante formazioni di grande talento e seguito. La massima competizione

finali a cinque nel due gironi per quindi trovare la squadra campione d'Australia. I "challenge rounds" hanno livellato i valori in campo aumentato (in alcuni casi come Juventus-Heidelberg addirittura raddoppiato) il numero delle partite fra le squadre piu' forti dei due tornei.

Quindi nelle prossime due settimane avremo tutta una serie di incontri di cartello, prima per decidere le cinque squadre finaliste, quindi per conoscere i campioni dei due gironi e alla fine le due partite per decidere chi si fragara' del titolo di campione d'Australia.

Innanzi tutto e' bene chiarire che le squadre che finiranno in testa ai due gironi NON saranno campioni di girone; il titolo andra' alla squadra che vincerà la finale a cinque. La finale di girone sara' così disputata: prima partita — la seconda gioca contro la terza; la vincente diventa squadra 2 nella finale a quattro, la perdente e' squadra 3.

Seconda partita — la quarta gioca contro la quinta; la perdente viene eliminata, la vincente diventa squadra 4 nella finale a quattro.

Terza partita (prima semifinale) — la squadra 1 contro la squadra 2; la vincente diventa squadra 2 nella finale, la perdente viene eliminata.

Quarta partita (seconda semifinale) — la squadra 1 contro la squadra 2; la vincente in finalissima, la perdente in finale.

Quinta partita (finale) — vincente della terza partita contro perdente della quarta partita; la vincente in finalissima, la perdente viene eliminata.

Sesta partita (finalissima) — vincente della quarta partita contro la vincente della quinta partita. La vincente della finalissima e' campione del girone.

Le due squadre campioni di girone si incontreranno quindi per il titolo nazionale in due partite (andata e ritorno). Le due partite per la finale nazionale saranno disputate mercoledì 24 ottobre e domenica 28 ottobre.

Alla fine della 26 ma giornata nulla e' ancora matematicamente sicuro nel girone nazionale, dove ben sette squadre cercheranno di guadagnare posizioni. Le prime tre, Hellas (36 punti), Croatia (33 punti) Heidelberg (33 punti) finiranno sicuramente nelle prime tre posizioni ma non si sa ancora in quale ordine; le altre quattro sono in lizza per gli altri due posti nel girone finale: Juventus (28 punti), Brisbane Lions (27 punti), Preston (25 punti), JUST (25 punti).

Le partite della prossima giornata vedranno di fronte Brisbane Lions e Heidelberg City; Croatia e Juventus; Preston e JUST; Hellas e Heidelberg.

Secondo i pronostici il Brisbane Lions dovrebbe accaparrarsi 12 punti e salire a quota 29; nessuna delle altre sei squadre puo' essere altrettanto sicura di conquistare l'intera posta in palio, ma forse il Preston e' quella che potrebbe superare l'avversaria con piu' probabilita' e salire percio' a quota 27.

Se la Juventus dovesse vincere contro il Croatia sarebbe matematicamente certa di finire almeno quinta salendo a quota 30; un pareggio (29 punti) la lascerebbe in quinto posto dopo domenica prossima, due punti davanti alla vincitrice di Preston-JUST; una sconfitta sarebbe praticamente uguale al pareggio poiche' rimarrebbe ugualmente un punto davanti alla vincitrice di Preston-JUST e percio' tutto dipenderebbe dall'ultima partita di "challenge". La Juventus se la vedra' con

l'Heidelberg, il Brisbane Lions incontrera' il Preston, il Footscray dovra' incontrare il Green Gully.

Una seconda sconfitta metterebbe sicuramente fuori causa la Juventus; un secondo pareggio le assicurerebbe almeno il quarto posto. Gli altri incontri probabilmente vedranno l'eliminazione del JUST; una vittoria del Brisbane Lions sul Preston darebbe il quarto posto a queste due squadre se la Juventus dovesse perdere tutte e due le partite; se il Preston dovesse battere il Brisbane queste due squadre finirebbero ugualmente quarta e quinta poiche' avrebbero lo stesso punteggio (29 punti) e una Juventus che perdesse tutti e due gli incontri rimarrebbe a quota 28.

Un punto da due partite porterebbe la Juve a 29, il che non sarebbe sufficiente poiche' la sua differenza reti e' disastrosa. Percio' la Juventus per essere sicura di arrivare almeno quinta dovra' guadagnarsi due punti dalle prossime due partite. Altrimenti la sua unica speranza di rimanere fra le prime cinque sara' legata al fatto che il Preston perda contro il JUST e che il JUST quindi perda con il Green Gully; oppure che il Brisbane Lions racciami un solo punto dalle ultime due partite; oppure che il Brisbane batta il Preston e che il Preston batta il JUST.

In altre parole 28 punti saranno sufficienti alla Juventus soltanto se ne Preston ne JUST conquisteranno tre punti dalle ultime due partite.

Soccer around the world

SOVIET UNION

Rostov-On-Don 0 Dynamo Kiev 1; Ararat 1 Kharkov 0; Baku Neftchi 3; Shkhter Donetsk 0; Torpedo Moscow 3; Tassant 1; Volna 1; Chernomorsk 0; Odessa 0.

Zenit, Leningrad head the league table with 34 points, followed by Torpedo Moscow with 33.

SWITZERLAND

Aarau 4 St Gallen 2; Basle 0 Wottlingen 0; La Chaux-de-Fonds 2 Xamax Neuchatel 2; Grasshoppers 2 Zug 1; Lausanne 5 Sion 4; Lucerne 0 Zurich 0; Servette 5 Winterthur 0; Young Boys 1 Vevey 0; Servette 4 2 0 18 3 10; Aarau 3 0 18 10 8; Grasshoppers 4 1 11 4 8; Xamax 3 2 18 11 8; Lausanne 2 2 13 11 6.

ITALY

Academi 1 Verona 3; Cremonese 2 Torino 1; Fiorentina 0 A.C. Milan 0; Inter Milan 2; Juventus 3; Lazio 1; Napoli 1 Sampdoria 1; Roma 1; Udinese 5 Lazio 0. 2 0 0 6 2 4; Verona 1 1 0 7 2 3.

HOLLAND

PSV Eindhoven 4; Vitesse 0; Heerenveen 1; Feyenoord Rotterdam 2; Psv Zwolle 1; Groningen 3; Nac Breda 0; Excelsior 0; Twente Enschede 0; Utrecht 2; Sparta Rotterdam 1; Den Bosch 1.

The match between Ajax Amsterdam and Fortuna Sittard was called off due to the poor state of the pitch after heavy rain.

WEST GERMANY

Werder Bremen 1; Waldhof Mannheim 1; Arminia Bielefeld 1; Fortuna Dusseldorf 1; Karlsruhe 1; Hamburg 1; Bayer Leverkusen 3; Borussia Monchengladbach 2; Bayer Uerdingen 3; Stuttgart 2; Bayern Munich 2; Cologne 0; Kaiserslautern 2; Schalke 0; Eintracht Brunswick 6; Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Borussia Dortmund 3; Bochum 0; Bayern Munich 6 0 10 15 12; Werder Bremen 3 1 1 13 8; Borussia Muench 2 1 13 10 7; Kaiserslautern 2 0 9 8 7; Bayer Uerdingen 3 2 11 8 6; Hamburg 1 4 0 5 4 6; Bayer Leverkusen 2 2 1 10 10 6.

SPAIN

Real Murcia 4; Malaga 0; Atletico Madrid 2; Real Sociedad 1; Valencia 0; Real Betis 1; Hercules 1; Osasuna 1; Barcelona 1; Espanol 0; Sporting 2; Elche 0; Real Valladolid 1; Real Zaragoza 1; Sevilla 1; Real Madrid 0; Athletic Bilbao 1; Racing 0; Barcelona 3 0 0 8 8; Sevilla 3 0 0 5 0 8; Atletico Madrid 2 1 0 5 1 6; Real Betis 1 0 2 0 2 0; Real Murcia 2 1 0 3 1 6; Hercules 2 1 0 3 1 6.

WHAT A RECORD!



Nunawading City's under 13A team, this year's winner of the Victoria Junior Cup.

This team has a record that would make it the most successful junior team in Victoria for its age group.

Apart from winning unofficial league championships at ages 7.8.9 and 10, in its three years of official competition within the V.S.F. the team has been undefeated for two out of three years.

The squad boasts eight eastern regional representatives, four State finalists and one State representative, Kieron Lennon, who had an outstanding series in the recent interstate championships.

The coach of the team is Wally Stevenson.

Nick van Egmond won Nunawading City's award for the best and fairest player and was presented with his trophy at the club's annual dinner dance last Friday.

Nick, an 18-year-old midfielder, polled 27 votes, four more than fellow 18-year-old Mark Bakker.

Other awards were as follows: President's Trophy — Pat Fensham

During that time two league championships have been won, and this year the boys were runners-up in the Super League, although undefeated.

They have won two Victorian Junior Cups and are holders of the Eastern Regional Cup.

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The coach of the team is Wally Stevenson.

Nick van Egmond voted No. 1

Player award — Scott Deane. Reserves best and fairest — Peter Bailey. Reserve team coach's award — Tony Caljouw.

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Ο ΕΤΗΣΙΟΣ ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΟΚΛΗ

Στις 20 του Οκτώβρη θα γίνει ο ετήσιος χορός του Οκλή στο Έκγουντ Ρεσέσιον. Για τα είσιτρία οι φίλοι του συλλόγου να τηλεφωνήσουν στον κ. Ζαγορόδη στον 4-ριθμό 5699765 ή 5792291.

Επίσης παρακαλούνται όσοι παράγοντες του συλλόγου διαβέβαιον ειλικρίνεια, να εκμισθώσουν στον κ. Ζαγορόδη τα αποκόμματα για να γίνει η κλήρωση.

ΠΡΟΒΑΛΗΤΕΣ ΟΙ ΝΕΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ

Με την άνοξη νίκη τους επί του Νόξ Σίτυ οι Νέοι της Ελλάδας 9-0 κέρδισαν και τυπικά το πρωτάθλημα του Νοτίου Οκλήου. Τη γκολ για την κυανόλευκη πέτυχαν οι Μαυρίλης 3, Μήτσου 2, Μουσιόπουλος, Χάλαρη, Αμπαρμακί και Ριζόπουλος.

Συγκεκριμένα ο πρόεδρος τών Νέων της Ελλάδας κ. Τζιμ Λιμαντάκης δήλωσε στο SOCCER ACTION: "Η προσπάθειά μας δεν θα σταματήσει εδώ. Κατ' αρχήν αξίζουν όλα τα παιδιά συγχαρητήρια για την κατάκτηση του τίτλου καθώς και ο προπονητής Τόμ Μπράουν. Οι υποκείμενοι μας όμως είναι μεγαλύτερες γιά τόν έρχόμενο χρόνο. Φυσικά θα αποδοσώμεν μερικούς παίκτες και παράλληλα θα πάρουμε ελληνόπουλα ταλαντούχη που θα θέλουν να φορέσουν την φανέλα της Ελλάδας."

Στόχος δικός μου αλλά και όλων μας είναι να προωθήμε ελληνόπουλα στην Ελλάδα του μέλλοντος.

...Και πιστεύω να το κατορθώσουμε μαζί μερά και να δούμε την Ελλάδα μόνο με ελληνόπουλα."

ΤΟ ΚΑΛΩΝΕΙ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΕΙ

Τό Κλάφτον Σίτυ τό όποιο κέρδισε με τό σπαθί του την άνοξό του στην Α' κατηγορία του Μετροπόλιταν άφού κατάλαβε την 2η προνομιόχο θέση στό πρωτάθλημα της Β' κατηγορίας, εύχαριστεί τό SOCCER ACTION γιά τήν συμπαράστασή που είχε σέ όλη τήν διάρκεια της σειζόν.

ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΚΥΝΗΛΑΟ

Έγινε, έτσι μάθαμε, ή κλήρωση τό έλληνοικό κυνέλλαιο. Φυσικά δέν μάθαμε πόσο άντιπροσώπιο άπό τά σωματεία ήταν παρόντες στην κλήρωση και πόσο άνθρωποι άπό τά μέσα ένημέρωσης κλήθηκαν νά παρευρεθούν.

Πάντως άπ' ότι είδαμε ή γραμματεία της Έπιτροπής ξεκίνησε "πολύ καλά" τήν δουλειά του και τό μόνο που τό συνιστά είναι ποτέ νά μή κτυπάει γροθιά στό μαχαίρι και μέλισσα όταν δέν είναι γιά προσωπική του δουλειά αλλά γιά ένα θεσμό που άσχολούνται τόσα και τόσα άτομα.

...Και τό χειρότερο είναι πού πάει νά τά βάλει με τόν τύπο... ό τύπος.

ΔΙΚΑΙΑ ΤΟ "Χ" ΕΛΕΞΕ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΙΤΩΝΕ

Δέν έπαιξε ή "Ελλάδα ποδόσφαιρο και μάλλον άντιποδόσφαιρο μπορούμε νά τό πούμε αυτό πο έλδαμε κόντρα με τήν Αίτωνα ή όποια κατέβηκε μέσα στό Μίνελ Πάρκ γιά τό "Χ" που κόντεφε νά τό κάνει και έπιληγή και μάλιστá τά κατάφερε πάρα πολύ καλά άφού βρήκε έδαφος άπό τούς κυανόλευκούς.

Φυσικά δέν μπορούμε νά τά βάλουμε με τόν Μανέντρο έπειδή ή ομάδα του έμεινε στό 0-0. Στο κάτω-κάτω δέν έχασε.

Τό μόνο που είδαμε ήταν ότι άν έμπαινε στόν άγώνα ό Καλαματιέζης και περνούσε στό χάρτ ό "Αίξερτον, ίσως ή "Ελλάδα νά είχε πάρει τήν νίκη.

Και όπως πάντα άνοδοσαμε μερικά σφάλματα σχετικά με τήν άνοξη διαίτησία τό έλληνα κ. Ντέντ Βουτσινά.

Πραγματικά πήρε άριστα και στάθηκε σέ όλες τίς φάσεις κόντá. Δέν τό έξέφυγε τίποτα ήταν άντικειμενικός και παρατηρητικός.

Αυστυχώς όμως άλλα υπάρχουν πάντα οι φιλαθλοί που θέλουν νά βοηθήσει τήν ομάδα τους ό διαίτητής έτσι ώστε ό ίδιος νά μή κάνει σωστά τήν δουλειά του.

Γιά τήν δική μας γνώμη ό κ. Βουτσινάς ήταν άριστος Βαθμό 10.

ΤΟ ΟΚΛΗ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΕΙ

Τό Δ.Σ. τό Οκλή με τόν υπέθετο επί τό τύπου κ. Παντελή Καραβίβα εύχαριστεί τήν έλληνική στήλη τό SOCCER ACTION πού στάθηκε κόντá στόν σάλογο σέ όλη τή σειζόν και συγχαίρει τούς παίκτες του οι όποιοι κατέκτησαν τήν 3η θέση στόν βαθμολογικό πίνακα της Β' κατηγορίας τό Μετροπόλιταν Αήην.

ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΧΙΛ

Τό Κλάφτον Χίλ μετά άπό θαυμάσια πορεία στόν Β' γύρο όπου έχασε μόνο μία φορά, κατάλαβε τελικά τήν 3η θέση στόν τελικό βαθμολογικό πίνακα της Δ' τό Μετροπόλιταν. Σέ γενικές γραμμές τά πάντα στην κυανόλευκη ομάδα κινήθηκαν σωστά και μεθοδικά με στόχο τήν έπιτυχία.

Και ή έπιτυχία πάνω άπ' όλα ήταν πού σέ όλες σχεδόν τίς προπονήσεις ήταν παρόντες οι παίκτες και της Α' και της Β' ομάδας.

Πού όλα τά παιδιά ήταν άγαπημένα μεταξύ τους αλλά και δέν ήμιουρησαν κανένα πρόβλημα στόν προπονητή και στόν Γενικό άσχημό.

Παράλληλα δύο παίκτες άπό τήν Β' ομάδα ό Πέτρος Γκέλλης και ό Αήο Βλαχάκης προώθηθηκαν στην τακτική ένδεκάδα και είναι έτοιμοι ό Κουσιόλας, Κούσιας, Παπαγεωργίου και Κυριακούλάς νά πάρουν κι' αυτός μία θέση στην τακτική ομάδα.

Όλοι οι παίκτες έδειξαν άριστο ήθος και κανένας δέν είδε κόνινη κάρτα άπό ρεπερβέ.

Επίσης σημειώνεται ή άριστη συνεργασία τό προπονητή με τόν γεν. αρχηγό Κώστα Πατριάνκο, ως έπίσης και ή μεγάλη βοήθεια τό Δ. Συμβουλίου πού ποτέ δέν μπήκε στό έργο τους.

Σίγουρα ό πρόεδρος κ. Κώστας Βαβάτσιος μαζί με τούς Κώστα Τσιόλο, Στέβ Τόσα, Αήο Σκερρίον, Ρόμφο Κόργιο, Κώστα Πατριάνκο και τό όπόλοιο Δ.Σ. πήραν άριστα.

Έλος θετική ήταν ή βοήθεια τό πακτική της Α' ομάδας και προπονητή της Β' Γκιόρ-

γου Μυστριώτη καθώς και τό φιλότιμο μουσέρ τό συλλόγο Παύλου Μιχαηλίου.

Ο ΕΤΗΣΙΟΣ ΧΟΡΟΣ

Στις 13 Οκτώβρη "84 θα γίνει ό ετήσιος χορός τό Κλάφτον Χίλ στό Νικόλαον Ρεσέσιον τό κ. Μάνυ Σκορόβιλη.

Στις 21 τό Οκτώβρη στό γήπεδο τό Κλάφτον θα γίνει ή άπονομή των έπείθων σέ όλους τούς παίκτες τό συλλόγου.

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΞΗ

Η Γενική Συνέλευση τό Κλάφτον Χίλ θα γίνει στις 4-11-84 καί άρα 11 π.μ. έως τις 2.00 π.μ. στην λέσχη τό συλλόγου με θέματα: Άναφορά Προέδρου, Οικονομική Άναφορά, Γενικά θέματα, Έκλογή Επορευτικής Επιτροπής και Έκλογή νέου Δ. Συμβουλίου.

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΟΛΥΜΠΙΚ

Τό Σάββατο τό Ολύμπικ δίνει τόν έτήσιο χορό του.

Κατά τήν διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα γίνει και ή έκλογή της "Μίς Ολύμπικ 1984".

ΕΛΛΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΚΟΝΤΡΑ

Τήν Κυριακή στό Μίνελ Πάρκ γίνεται ή μεγάλη κόντρα μεταξύ της "Ελλάδας και τό ΜΕ γα ό όποιος στά τελευταία παιχνίδια δέν τά ηγναιέιν και τόσο καλά.

Και ή "Ελλάς όμως έκανε κακή εμφάνιση τήν περασμένη Κυριακή, καί πού δείχνει ότι δέν είναι τό παρόρι της συνάντησης και πώς ό νικήτης θα κριθεί μέσα στόν αγωνιστικό χώρο εκεί πού όποιος παίξει καλά θα πάρει και τούς δύο βαθμούς.

Σίγουρα ό φιλαθλό θα άπολαύσουν ένα άκόμη έλληνικό ντέρμπι και μάλιστá με μπλόκο ένδιαφέρον.

ΚΑΙΤΩΝ - ΟΚΛΗ

Τό Σάββατο καί μέσα στά πλαίσια τών φιλικών σχέσεων τών δύο σωματείων Κλάφτον - Οκλή θα γίνει φιλικός άγώνας στό γήπεδο τό Κλάφτον Χίλ.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

ΔΟΚ J.U.S.T. TONE, MAKE-DONJIA SE PODIZE

Uoci velikog derbija u Reseruiori J.U.S.T. i Makedonija su se izjednaci sa bodovima, ali u promeni mesta na tabeli. U maloj rokadi Makedonija se popela na sesto, a JUST se spustio na sedmo mesto.

Obadva kluba imaju sansu da se proguraju na prvih pet na tabeli, ali mesta ima samo za jedan tim. Zbog toga, oni koji izgube sledeće nedelje u Reseruiori završice se sezonu na sredini tabelle, dok pobednik ima malu nadu da se uključi u borbu za samopion Australije i fudbala.

Prema zadnjim rezultatima Makedonija je favorit, ali JUST ima psiholosku prednost, jer je zadnju utakmicu protiv Makedonije dobio sa 4:0.

Medjutim, ono sto su "plavi" pokazali prošle nedelje protiv Adelaide Cityja nije bilo na fudbalu. Lopta se udarala kao i na jedinu, bez cilja i smisla. Nije odigran jedan dupli pas, od nekih se lopta odbijala kao da su od drveta, pa ipak je JUST bio blizu pobedi po zrelim sansama, koje nije imao ko iskoristiti. Pred kraj utakmice Tony Caban i Jimmy Fernandez nisu pogodili gol sa nekoliko metara, ali nisu se samo oni obradili. Svi su imali los dan osim obrane, u kojoj su najpouzdaniji bili Tom Karic i Denis Boland, kome se može zameriti losa ispućvanje.

Sredina je JUSTova bolna tačka od početka prvenstva. Ali zadnje vreme ispala je iz forme i cela navala. Primetan je nedostatak iskustvog Dragana Lacmanovica, uz koga je Zdravko Lujic igrao kao vihor. Sada se odsecan i bez razlike zbog cega gubi pouzdanje. Ne samo u svoj set vec i brzini. Utakmicu Makedonija v. JUST sudio Bernie Upton, a njegovi pomocnici su J. Stojkovic i R. Simmons. Pokratak u 30. minuti. U predigri se sastaju mladi timovi.

Suise kritikuemo kvalitete sudije i igre, a zaboravljamo sudije, koji najvise uticu na stanje igre. Prvo je najpouzdaniji gume pamti njihove krupnegreske, a "sine" da ne spominjemo. Na utakmicu u Greffu u golman domaceg tima skoro sto nije pocio Tom Cummingsa, ali za Stuart

bi bas cudilo, da bi opravdao svoju ociglednu gresku, da je cak pokazao zuzi karton Cummingu. Sto da ne, kada mogu da priznaju nepostojee golove kao onaj u Footscrayu!

Mesto opomene i javne kritike, cak zabrane vođenja nekoliko susreta, te sudije dobijaju najbolje utakmice i znacke FIFE.

ZAKASNELA POBEDA

Posle izvanredne igre mladi tim JUSTA pobedio je Navalunging City sa skromnim rezultatom od 1:0 (1:0). Navala je suviše mekana i neodlucna sto je boljka i prvog tima. Jedini gol postigao je Tony Marchetti.

Pohvalno je sto su dobili sansu mnogi mladi igrači ispod 16 godina, ali su neki zaboravljani, sto ne sme da se dopada.

Sastav: Peter Hrehoresin, Milan Djurdjevic, Radovan Barjaktarevic (Branko Stankovic), Ljubo Barjaktarevic, Claudio Paz, Eddy Vega, Tony Marchetti, Ariel Perez Reigo, Zoran Pasoski (Goran Nedelkovski), Igor Lopatic.

Bez obzira na ishod zadnje utakmice mladi tim JUSTA osigurao je drugo mesto u prvij sezoni.

METRO KUP

Springvale United — Melbourne 2:1 (1:0). Da li je u pitanju sportska sreća ili iskustvo, ali jedini i drugi, cak obje, izbacili su bolji tim iz polufinala Metro-kupa. "Plavi" su povelu sa 1:0 golom Dragana — Buce Janjica i sacuvali taj rezultat do odlaska na odmor. Onda je dosao nepotreban jedanaesterac i kola su krenula nizbrdo.

Sunbury — Lalor/SLOGA 2:0 u produžetku od 20 minuta. Bila je to zaista odlucna igra dva ravnopravna protivnika, cak se može reci da je Sloga nadigrala svoj protivnika u pocetku igre. Tada se stavila dva puta ispredila strelica Sloga, da ne spominjemo ostale sanse koje nisu iskoriscene.

Pred kraj utakmice, odnosno us produžetku Sloga je morala da zameni dva povredjena igrica i to je pomoglo i kusnom protivniku da postigne oba gola u drugom produžetku igre.

Sastav Lalor/Sloga: Mon-

Carlton/MLADOST — Clarinda 1:0 (0:0). Posle velikog borbe i uzbuđenja igre utakmica se u regularnom vremenu završila nerešeno 0:0. Kao sto pravila nalazu, sudija je odredio da se odigra produžetak od 20 minuta (2 x 10 minuta). Igraci Mladosti su se borili kao lavovi posto su nastupili da su poslednji "PLAVI" u Melbourne koji su ostali da se bore za nizazredne kupove u Viktorije. U drugom nastavku Vlacav Pitra je postigao pobe-donski gol za Mladost, koja ce se u subotu sastati u gostima sa Monash Univeritetom.

Sastav Carlton/MLADOST: Novica Alder, Vasil Sribnovski, Zdenko Jovic, Dusan Smugrevski, Con Pitzios, Zoran Ivankovic, Slobodan Culic (Jovan Stretenovic), Franjo Drozdok (Peter Costandindis), Vlacav Pitra, Toma Pitra, Dusko Anastasovski.

Ocekjuje se da se za polufinale vrati golman Milutin Ciric, koji se nalazi na odmoru u Savi (Fidzi) sa suprugom Jadrankom.

TRIJUMF ILUNDENA

Altona/ILUNDEN je u samopion stilu osvojio prvenstvo druge Industrijske divizije posto je u poslednjem kolu pobedio Whittiesea/BERANCE sa 5:2. Ilunden je osvojio prvenstvo sa 20 bodova, posto je dobio 13 utakmica, igrao nerešeno i dve izgube sa gol-razlikom 57:23.

PRVA POBEDA "JADRANA"

U zadnjem kolu amaterskog prvenstva Jadran je pobedio East Richmond sa 3:2 (1:0) iako završio utakmicu sa 10 igrača. Kod stanja 1:1 sudija je pokazao crveni karton golmanu Roko Ferraro. Gosci su iskoristili trenutni slabost Jadrana da povedu sa 2:1, ali domaci igrači su u izvanrednom finisu igru da postignu prvu pobedu i zavrse prvenstvo na sedmo mestu u trećoj amaterskoj diviziji.

Strelić i Dragan Kriskic. Sastav Jadrana: Roko Ferraro, John Oliveri, Anton Sanderić (John Wili), Robert Rico, Branko Dunan, Pascale Panonico, Mark Suselj, Bogomir Stobilj (Milos Simic), Robert Stofla, Dragan Kriskic, Eugen Poklar.

Jadran se priprema za ucesce na turniru Crvene

Albury bans State junior star

Myrtleford and Victorian under 14 keeper Steve Mautone has become the centre of a dispute between the NSWASF and the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association.

Steve, who lives in Albury and plays in the AWSA, got the nod from State coach Tony Dunkerley last year and represented Victoria in the national titles as an under 13.

Dunkerley must have been impressed with young Steve's work as he called him up again this year as an under 14.

NSW president Ian Holmes and Riverina branch president Robert Maudrell have since intervened and Mautone is now barred from participating with the Victorian squad.

Their action is known to have upset N.E. Victorian Soccer circles and AWSA president John King was petitioned to seek talks between Holmes, Maudrell and V.S. representatives. Mr King said that hopefully a sensible outcome to the ban would be worked out. "I do not know if and when a meeting can be called but

for the sake of these young lads I hope it is soon."

Steve Mautone is the first AWSA junior to gain Victorian selection since Mark Aluvak of Albury City in the under 13s.

Aluvak, 17, has this year trialled with the AIS and Canberra Arrows and is expecting an offer of a contract soon.

Victorian Country reps Steve Brunec and Piers Graham, both also AWSA players, are unanimous in their praise of under 13 coach Albert Schepers. "Playing with Albert's country squad was our best ever rep experience." Their future in Victoria is also under a cloud.

The present controversy over Mautone, Brunec and Graham is seen as a test case as the success of their representations will determine the future of many other boys from Wangaratta, Wodonga, Myrtleford and Albury.

Challenge to Canberra

Albury City, having just stopped celebrating its second successive AWSA Cup victory over arch-rivals Lavington, is not at all lacking in confidence.

Perhaps with an eye to stepping up to a stronger league, Albury City threw out its second challenge to Australian Conference team Canberra Arrows, in Albury on October 13.

Arrows coach Doug Collins accepted the challenge but handed out a warning to the Albury part-timers. "We will serve it up to them this time," Collins said.

was reminded of an earlier match against Albury City this year when the Arrows sadly misjudged the standard of soccer in the provincial city and sent a youthful squad.

Albury romped home 5-1 and the local press in Albury said some very unkind things about Canberra.

Experts in the border city feel Albury perhaps should have rested on its laurels and not provoked Collins.

The David and Goliath rivalry between the two teams springs from a mutual sponsor, NSW Lotto.

It seems that while the



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Friday 8.00 pm



*Mark Pullen
Leighhardt*



*Don Allan
Melita Eagles*

SYDNEY CITY
V
**PARRAMATTA
MELITA EAGLES**

Sydney Ath. Field
Sunday 3.00 pm.

SYDNEY CROATIA

V

MARCONI

King Tomislav
Sunday 3.00 pm.



*Ken Boden
Sydney Croatia*



*Mark Koussan
Sydney Olympic*

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

V

ST. GEORGE

St. George Stadium
Sunday 3.00 pm.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD

V

CANBERRA ARROWS

Adamstown Oval
Monday 2.30 pm



*George Christopoulos
Canberra*

NATIONAL CONFERENCE



*Jim McDonagh
Lions*

BRISBANE LIONS

V

BRISBANE CITY

Richlands
Sunday 3.00 pm.

**SUNSHINE GEORGE
CROSS**

V

GREEN GULLY

Chaplin Reserve
Sunday 3.00 pm.



*David Hogben
Green Gully*



*Tommy Cumming
Melbourne Croatia*

MELBOURNE CROATIA
V
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

Olympic Park
Sunday 3.00 pm.

PRESTON

V

FOOTSCRAY

Connor Reserve
Sunday 3.00 pm.



*Kyri Kyriakoullas
Footscray*



*Alan Davidson
South Melbourne*

SOUTH MELBOURNE

V

HEIDELBERG

Middle Park
Sunday 3.00 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

V

ADELAIDE CITY

Hindmarsh
Sunday 2.30 pm.



*Graham Honeyman
West Adelaide*